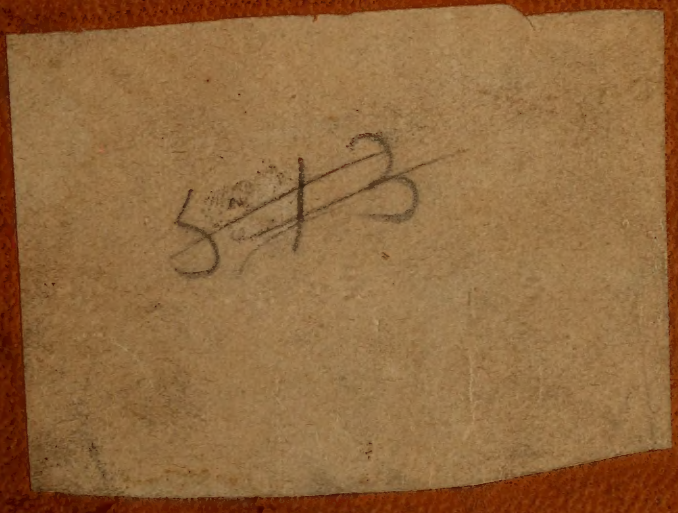

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## CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

BEGUN and held at the Capitol, in the city of Washington, in the Territory of Columbia, on Monday, the sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the seventy-second year of the independence of the said States: being the *First Session* of the THIRTIETH CONGRESS, held under the constitution of the government of the United States.

On which day, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the United States for the meeting of Congress, at 12 o'clock, meridian, the members elect of the House of Representatives were called to order by Benjamin B. French, the Clerk, and the roll of members being called it appeared that a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number of members of the House were present, as follows:

*From the State of—*

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| MAINE | Hiram Belcher,<br>Asa W. H. Clapp,<br>Franklin Clark,<br>David Hammons,<br>Ephraim K. Smart,<br>James S. Wiley,<br>Hezekiah Williams. |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | James H. Johnson,<br>Charles H. Peaslee,<br>Amos Tuck,<br>James Wilson. |
| VERMONT | Jacob Collamer,<br>William Henry,<br>George P. Marsh,<br>Lucius B. Peck. |
| MASSACHUSETTS | Amos Abbott,<br>John Quincy Adams,<br>George Ashmun,<br>Joseph Grinnell,<br>Artemas Hale,<br>Charles Hudson,<br>Daniel P. King, |

*From the State of—*

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| MASSACHUSETTS—Continued .... | John G. Palfrey,<br>Julius Rockwell,<br>Robert C. Winthrop. |
| RHODE ISLAND..... | Robert B. Cranston,<br>Benjamin B. Thurston. |
| CONNECTICUT ..... | James Dixon,<br>Samuel D. Hubbard,<br>John A. Rockwell,<br>Truman Smith. |
| NEW YORK..... | Ausburn Birdsall,<br>William Collins,<br>Harmon S. Conger,<br>William Duer,<br>Daniel Gott,<br>Nathan K. Hall,<br>John M. Holley,<br>Elias B. Holmes,<br>Washington Hunt,<br>David S. Jackson,<br>Timothy Jenkins,<br>Orlando Kellogg,<br>Sidney Lawrence,<br>William T. Lawrence,<br>Frederick W. Lord,<br>William B. Maclay,<br>Dudley Marvin,<br>Joseph Mullin,<br>Henry C. Murphy,<br>William Nelson,<br>Henry Nicoll,<br>George Petrie,<br>Harvey Putnam,<br>Gideon Reynolds,<br>Robert L. Rose,<br>David Rumsey,<br>Eliakim Sherrill,<br>Peter H. Silvester,<br>John I. Slingerland,<br>George A. Starkweather,<br>Daniel B. St. John,<br>Frederick A. Tallmadge,<br>Cornelius Warren,<br>Hugh White. |
| NEW JERSEY ..... | Joseph E. Edsall,<br>Dudley S. Gregory,<br>James G. Hampton,<br>William A. Newell,<br>John Van Dyke. |

| *From the State of—* | |
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| Pennsylvania | John Blanchard,<br>Jasper E. Brady,<br>Richard Brodhead,<br>Charles Brown,<br>Chester Butler,<br>John Dickey,<br>George N. Eckert,<br>John W. Farrelly,<br>John Freedley,<br>Moses Hampton,<br>John W. Hornbeck,<br>Charles J. Ingersoll,<br>Joseph R. Ingersoll,<br>Alexander Irvin,<br>Lewis C. Levin,<br>Job Mann,<br>Abraham R. McIlvaine,<br>Henry Nes,<br>James Pollock,<br>Andrew Stewart,<br>John Strohm,<br>William Strong,<br>James Thompson,<br>David Wilmot. |
| Delaware | John W. Houston. |
| Maryland | John G. Chapman,<br>John W. Crisfield,<br>Alexander Evans,<br>Thomas W. Ligon,<br>Robert M. McLane,<br>J. Dixon Roman. |
| Virginia | Archibald Atkinson,<br>Thomas H. Bayly,<br>Richard L. T. Beale,<br>Henry Bedinger,<br>Thomas S. Bocock,<br>John M. Botts,<br>William G. Brown,<br>Thomas S. Flournoy,<br>Andrew S. Fulton,<br>William L. Goggin,<br>James McDowell,<br>Richard K. Meade,<br>John S. Pendleton,<br>William B. Preston,<br>Robert A. Thompson. |
| North Carolina | Daniel M. Barringer,<br>Nathaniel Boydon,<br>Thomas L. Clingman, |

| *From the State of—* | |
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| NORTH CAROLINA—Continued ... | John R. J. Daniel,<br>Richard S. Donnell,<br>James J. McKay,<br>David Outlaw,<br>Augustine H. Shepperd,<br>Abraham W. Venable. |
| SOUTH CAROLINA ..... | James A. Black,<br>Armistead Burt,<br>Isaac E. Holmes,<br>R. Barnwell Rhett,<br>Richard F. Simpson,<br>Alexander D. Sims,<br>Joseph A. Woodward. |
| GEORGIA ..... | Howell Cobb,<br>Hugh A. Haralson,<br>Alfred Iverson,<br>John W. Jones,<br>John H. Lumpkin,<br>Alexander H. Stephens,<br>Robert Toombs. |
| ALABAMA ..... | Williamson R. W. Cobb,<br>John Gayle,<br>Samson W. Harris,<br>Henry W. Hilliard,<br>George S. Houston,<br>Samuel W. Inge. |
| MISSISSIPPI ..... | Winfield S. Featherston,<br>Jacob Thompson,<br>Patrick W. Tompkins. |
| LOUISIANA ..... | John H. Harmanson,<br>Emile La Sère,<br>Isaac E. Morse,<br>Bannon G. Thibodeaux. |
| OHIO ..... | Richard S. Canby,<br>John Crowell,<br>John D. Cummins,<br>Rudolphus Dickinson,<br>Daniel Duncan,<br>Thomas O. Edwards,<br>Nathan Evans,<br>James J. Faran,<br>David Fisher,<br>George Fries,<br>Joshua R. Giddings,<br>William Kennon,<br>Samuel Lahm,<br>John K. Miller,<br>Jonathan D. Morris, |

| *From the State of—* | |
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| Ohio—Continued | Thomas Ritchey,<br>Joseph M. Root,<br>William Sawyer,<br>Robert C. Schenck,<br>John L. Taylor,<br>Samuel F. Vinton. |
| Kentucky | Green Adams,<br>Linn Boyd,<br>Aylett Buckner,<br>Beverly L. Clark,<br>Garnett Duncan,<br>Richard French,<br>Charles S. Morehead,<br>Samuel O. Peyton,<br>John B. Thompson. |
| Tennessee | Washington Barrow,<br>Lucien B. Chase,<br>John H. Crozier,<br>Meredith P. Gentry,<br>George W. Jones,<br>William T. Haskell,<br>Hugh L. W. Hill,<br>Andrew Johnson,<br>Frederick P. Stanton,<br>James H. Thomas. |
| Indiana | Charles W. Cathcart,<br>George G. Dunn,<br>Elisha Embree,<br>Thomas J. Henley,<br>John Pettit,<br>John L. Robinson,<br>William Rockhill,<br>Caleb B. Smith,<br>Richard W. Thompson,<br>William W. Wick. |
| Illinois | Abraham Lincoln,<br>John A. McClernand,<br>William A. Richardson,<br>Robert Smith,<br>Thomas J. Turner,<br>John Wentworth. |
| Missouri | James B. Bowlin,<br>James S. Greene,<br>Willard P. Hall,<br>John Jamieson,<br>John S. Phelps. |
| Arkansas | Robert W. Johnson. |

*From the State of—*

MICHIGAN ..... Kingsly S. Bingham, Robert McClelland, Charles E. Stuart.

FLORIDA ..... E. Carrington Cabell.

TEXAS ..... David S. Kaufman.

IOWA ..... Shepherd Leffler, William Thompson.

*Delegate from the Territory of—*

WISCONSIN .....

On motion of Mr. John Quincy Adams, the House proceeded, *viva voce*, to the election of a Speaker, the result of which was as follows:

The following named members voted for ROBERT C. WINTHROP, one of the Representatives from the State of Massachusetts, viz:

Amos Abbott, John Quincy Adams, Green Adams, George Ashmun, Daniel M. Barringer, Washington Barrow, Hiram Belcher, John Blanchard, John M. Botts, Nathaniel Boydon, Jasper E. Brady, Aylett Buckner, Chester Butler, E. Carrington Cabell, Richard S. Canby, John G. Chapman, Thomas L. Clingman, Jacob Collamer, Harmon S. Conger, Robert B. Cranston, John W. Crisfield, John Crowell, John H. Crozier, John Dickey, James Dixon, Richard S. Donnell, William Duer, Daniel Duncan, Garnett Duncan, George G. Dunn, George N. Eckert, Thomas O. Edwards, Elisha Embree, Alexander Evans, Nathan Evans, John W. Farrelly, David Fisher, Thomas S. Flournoy, John Freedley, Andrew S. Fulton, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, William L. Goggin, Daniel Gott, Dudley S. Gregory, Joseph Grinnell, Artemas Hale, Nathan K. Hall, James G. Hampton, Moses Hampton, William P. Haskell, William Henry, Henry W. Hilliard, John M. Holley, Elias B. Holmes, John W. Hornbeck, John W. Houston, Samuel D. Hubbard, Charles Hudson, Washington Hunt, Joseph R. Ingersoll, Alexander Irvin, Orlando Kellogg, Daniel P. King, William T. Lawrence, Abraham Lincoln, Abraham R. McIlvaine, George P. Marsh, Dudley Marvin, Charles S. Morehead, Joseph Mullin, William Nelson, Henry Nes, William A. Newall, David Outlaw, John S. Pendleton, James Pollock, William B. Preston, Harvey Putnam, Gideon Reynolds, Julius Rockwell, John A. Rockwell, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, Joseph M. Root, David Rumsey, jr., Daniel B. St. John, Robert C. Schenck, Augustine H. Shepperd, Eliakim Sherrill, Peter H. Silvester, John I. Slingerland, Caleb B. Smith, Truman Smith, Alexander H. Stephens, Andrew Stewart, John Strohm, Frederick A. Tallmadge, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, John L. Taylor, Richard W. Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert Toombs, John Van Dyke, Samuel F. Vinton, Cornelius Warren, Hugh White, and James Wilson.

The following named members voted for LINN BOYD, one of the Representatives from the State of Kentucky:

Archibald Atkinson, Thomas H. Bayly, Henry Bedinger, James A. Black, Thomas S. Bocock, Charles Brown, Armistead Burt, Lucien B. Chase, Beverly L. Clark, Howell Cobb, John D. Cummins, John R. J. Daniel, Rudolphus Dickinson, James J. Faran, Winfield S. Featherston, George Fries, Richard French, James S. Green, Willard P. Hall, Hugh A. Haralson, John H. Harmanson, Samson W. Harris, Hugh L. W. Hill, Samuel W. Inge, Charles J. Ingersoll, Alfred Iverson, David S. Jackson, John Jamieson, Robert W. Johnson, George W. Jones, David S. Kaufman, William Kennon, jr., Samuel Lahm, Sidney Lawrence, John H. Lumpkin, William B. Maclay, John A. McClernand, James J. McKay, Robert M. McLane, Job Mann, John K. Miller, Jonathan D. Morris, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, George Petrie, John Pettit, Samuel O. Peyton, John S. Phelps, R. Barnwell Rhett, William A. Richardson, Thomas Richey, John L. Robinson, William Rockhill, Alexander D. Sims, Robert Smith, Frederick P. Stanton, William Strong, James H. Thomas, Robert A. Thompson, Thomas J. Turner, and William W. Wick.

Kingsley S. Bingham, Charles W. Cathcart, Asa W. H. Clapp, Franklin Clark, William Collins, Joseph E. Edsall, David Hammons, Thomas J. Henley, Isaac E. Holmes, Timothy Jenkins, James H. Johnson, Henry Nicoll, Charles H. Peaslee, Lucius B. Peck, William Sawyer, Ephraim K. Smart, George A. Starkweather, Charles E. Stewart, Benjamin B. Thruston, John Wentworth, Hezekiah Williams, James S. Wiley, and David Wilmot voted for ROBERT MCCLELLAND.

James B. Bowlin, Richard Brodhead, Emile La Sère, Shepherd Leffler, Thomas W. Ligon, Richard K. Meade, Richard F. Simpson, James Thompson, Jacob Thompson, William Thompson, and Joseph A. Woodward voted for JOHN A. MCCLERNAND.

Richard L. T. Beale, Williamson R. W. Cobb, George S. Houston, Andrew Johnson, and Abraham W. Venable voted for JAMES J. MCKAY.

Linn Boyd, Frederick W. Lord, and James McDowell voted for HOWELL COBB.

Joshua R. Giddings and Amos Tuck voted for JAMES WILSON.

Ausburn Birdsall voted for HENRY C. MURPHY.

William G. Brown voted for CHARLES J. INGERSOLL.

John W. Jones voted for JOHN P. GAINES.

Lewis C. Levin voted for JOSEPH R. INGERSOLL.

Robert McClelland voted for TIMOTHY JENKINS.

John G. Palfrey voted for CHARLES HUDSON.

Patrick W. Tompkins voted for JOHN GAYLE.

*Recapitulation of the first vote for Speaker.*

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| For Robert C. Winthrop | 108 |
| For Linn Boyd | 61 |
| For Robert McClelland | 23 |

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| For John A. McClernand | 11 |
| For James J. McKay | 5 |
| For Howell Cobb | 3 |
| For James Wilson | 2 |
| For Henry C. Murphy | 1 |
| For Charles J. Ingersoll | 1 |
| For John P. Gaines | 1 |
| For Joseph R. Ingersoll | 1 |
| For Timothy Jenkins | 1 |
| For Charles Hudson | 1 |
| For John Gayle | 1 |
| Whole number of votes | 220 |
| Necessary to a choice | 111 |

No person having received a majority of the whole number of votes given in,

The House proceeded to vote a second time for Speaker, the result of which was as follows:

The following named members voted for ROBERT C. WINTHROP, of Massachusetts:

Amos Abbott, John Quincy Adams, Green Adams, George Ashmun, Daniel M. Barringer, Washington Barrow, Hiram Belcher, John Blanchard, John M. Botts, Nathaniel Boydon, Jasper E. Brady, Aylett Buckner, Chester Butler, E. Carrington Cabell, Richard S. Canby, John G. Chapman, Thomas L. Clingman, Jacob Collamer, Harmon S. Conger, Robert B. Cranston, John W. Crisfield, John Crowell, John H. Crozier, John Dickey, James Dixon, Richard S. Donnell, William Duer, Daniel Duncan, Garnett Duncan, George G. Dunn, George N. Eckert, Thomas O. Edwards, Elisha Embree, Alexander Evans, Nathan Evans, John W. Farrelly, David Fisher, Thomas S. Flournoy, John Freedley, Andrew S. Fulton, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, William L. Goggin, Daniel Gott, Dudley S. Gregory, Joseph Grinnell, Artemas Hale, Nathan K. Hall, James G. Hampton, Moses Hampton, William T. Haskill, William Henry, Henry W. Hilliard, John M. Holley, Elias B. Holmes, John W. Hornbeck, John W. Houston, Samuel D. Hubbard, Charles Hudson, Washington Hunt, Joseph R. Ingersoll, Alexander Irvin, John W. Jones, Orlando Kellogg, Daniel P. King, William T. Lawrence, Abraham Lincoln, Abraham R. McIlvaine, George P. Marsh, Dudley Marvin, Charles S. Morehead, Joseph Mullin, William Nelson, Henry Nes, William A. Newall, David Outlaw, John S. Pendleton, James Pollock, William B. Preston, Harvey Putnam, Gideon Reynolds, Julius Rockwell, John A. Rockwell, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, Joseph M. Root, David Rumsey, jr., Daniel B. St. John, Robert C. Schenck, Augustine H. Shepperd, Eliakim Sherrill, Peter H. Silvester, John I. Slingerland, Caleb B. Smith, Truman Smith, Alexander H. Stephens, Andrew Stewart, John Strohm, Frederick A. Tallmadge, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, John L. Taylor, Richard W. Thompson,

John B. Thompson, Robert Toombs, John Van Dyke, Samuel F. Vinton, Cornelius Warren, Hugh White, and James Wilson.

The following named members voted for LINN BOYD, one of the Representatives from the State of Kentucky:

Archibald Atkinson, Thomas H. Bayly, Richard L. T. Beale, Henry Bedinger, Ausburn Birdsall, James A. Black, Thomas S. Bocock, James B. Bowlin, Charles Brown, Armistead Burt, Charles W. Cathcart, John G. Chapman, Lucien B. Chase, Asa W. H. Clapp, Franklin Clark, Beverly L. Clark, Howell Cobb, Williamson R. W. Cobb, William Collins, John D. Cummins, John R. J. Daniel, Rudolphus Dickinson, James J. Faran, Winfield S. Featherston, George Fries, Richard French, James S. Green, Willard P. Hall, David Hammons, Hugh A. Haralson, John H. Harmanson, Samson W. Harris, Thomas J. Henley, Hugh L. W. Hill, George S. Houston, Samuel W. Inge, Charles J. Ingersoll, David S. Jackson, John Jamieson, Robert W. Johnson, George W. Jones, David S. Kaufman, William Kennon, jr., Samuel Lahm, Emile La Sère, Sidney Lawrence, Shepherd Leffler, Thomas W. Ligon, John H. Lumpkin, William B. Maclay, Robert McClelland, John A. McClernand, James McDowell, James J. McKay, Robert M. McLane, Job Man, Richard K. Meade, John K. Miller, Jonathan D. Morris, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, Henry Nicoll, George Petrie, John Pettit, Samuel O. Peyton, John S. Phelps, R. Barnwell Rhett, William A. Richardson, Thomas Richey, John L. Robinson, William Rockhill, William Sawyer, Alexander D. Sims, Robert Smith, Frederick P. Stanton, William Strong, James H. Thomas, James Thompson, Jacob Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, Thomas J. Turner, Abraham W. Venable, Hezekiah Williams, and James S. Wiley.

Kingsley S. Bingham, Joseph E. Edsall, Timothy Jenkins, James H. Johnson, Frederick W. Lord, Charles A. Peaslee, Lucius B. Peck, Ephraim K. Smart, George A. Starkweather, Charles E. Stuart, Benjamin B. Thruston, John Wentworth, and David Wilmot voted for ROBERT MCCLELLAND.

William G. Brown, Richard F. Simpson, William Thompson, William W. Wick, and Joseph A. Woodward voted for JOHM A. MCCLERNAND.

Linn Boyd, Richard Brodhead, and Andrew Johnson voted for HOWELL COBB.

Joshua R. Giddings and Amos Tuck voted for JAMES WILSON.

Lewis C. Levin voted for JOSEPH R. INGERSOLL.

Alfred Iverson voted for ARMISTEAD BURT.

John G. Palfrey voted for CHARLES HUDSON.

Jacob Thompson voted for R. BARNWELL RHETT.

Isaac E. Holmes voted for JOHN H. HARMANSON.

*Recapitulation of the second vote for Speaker.*

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| For Robert C. Winthrop | 109 |
| For Linn Boyd | 82 |
| For Robert McClelland | 13 |

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| For John A. McClernand | 5 |
| For Howell Cobb | 2 |
| For James Wilson | 3 |
| For Joseph R. Ingersoll | 1 |
| For Armistead Burt | 1 |
| For Charles Hudson | 1 |
| For R. Barnwell Rhett | 1 |
| For John H. Harmanson | 1 |
| Whole number of votes given | 219 |
| Necessary to a choice | 110 |

No person having a majority of the whole number of votes given in,

The House proceeded to vote a third time for Speaker, the result of which was as follows:

The following named members voted for ROBERT C. WINTHROP:

Amos Abbott, John Quincy Adams, Green Adams, George Ashmun, Daniel M. Barringer, Washington Barrow, Hiram Belcher, John Blanchard, John M. Botts, Nathaniel Boydon, Jasper E. Brady, Aylett Buckner, Chester Butler, E. Carrington Cabell, Richard S. Canby, John G. Chapman, Thomas L. Clingman, Jacob Collamer, Harmon S. Conger, Robert B. Cranston, John W. Crisfield, John Crowell, John H. Crozier, John Dickey, James Dixon, Richard S. Donnell, William Duer, Daniel Duncan, Garnett Duncan, George G. Dunn, George N. Eckert, Thomas O. Edwards, Elisha Embree, Alexander Evans, Nathan Evans, John W. Farrelly, David Fisher, Thomas S. Flournoy, John Freedley, Andrew S. Fulton, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, William L. Goggin, Daniel Gott, Dudley S. Gregory, Joseph Grinnell, Artemas Hale, Nathan K. Hall, James G. Hampton, Moses Hampton, William T. Haskill, William Henry, Henry W. Hilliard, John M. Holley, Elias B. Holmes, John W. Hornbeck, John W. Houston, Samuel D. Hubbard, Charles Hudson, Washington Hunt, Joseph R. Ingersoll, Alexander Irvin, John W. Jones, Orlando Kellogg, Daniel P. King, William T. Lawrence, Lewis C. Levin, Abraham Lincoln, Abraham R. McIlvaine, George P. Marsh, Dudley Marvin, Charles S. Morehead, Joseph Mullin, William Nelson, Henry Nes, William A. Newall, David Outlaw, John S. Pendleton, James Pollock, William B. Preston, Harvey Putnam, Gideon Reynolds, Julius Rockwell, John A. Rockwell, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, Joseph M. Root, David Rumsey, jr., Daniel B. St. John, Robert C. Schenck, Augustine H. Shepperd, Eliakim Sherrill, Peter H. Silvester, John I. Slingerland, Caleb B. Smith, Truman Smith, Alexander H. Stephens, Andrew Stewart, John Strohm, Frederick A. Tallmadge, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, John L. Taylor, Richard W. Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, Robert Toombs, John Van Dyke, Samuel F. Vinton, Cornelius Warren, Hugh White, and James Wilson.

The following named members voted for LINN BOYD:

Archibald Atkinson, Richard L. T. Beale, Ausburn Birdsall, James A. Black, Thomas S. Bocock, James B. Bowlin, Richard Brodhead, Charles Brown, Lucien B. Chase, Beverly L. Clark, Williamson R. W. Cobb, William Collins, John D. Cummins, John R. J. Daniel, Rudolphus Dickinson, James J. Faran, Winfield S. Featherston, George Fries, Richard French, James S. Green, Willard P. Hall, David Hammons, Hugh A. Haralson, Thomas J. Henley, Hugh L. W. Hill, Samuel W. Inge, David S. Jackson, John Jamieson, David S. Kaufman, William Kennon, jr., Samuel Lahm, Emile Ka Sère, Sidney Lawrence, Shepherd Leffler, John H. Lumpkin, William B. Maclay, Robert McClelland, John A. McClernand, James McDowell, James J. McKay, Job Mann, Richark K. Meade, John K. Miller, Jonathan D. Morris, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, Henry Nicoll, George Petrie, John Pettit, John S. Phelps, R. Barnwell Rhett, William A. Richardson, Thomas Richey, John L. Robinson, William Rockhill, William Sawyer, Robert Smith, William Strong, James H. Thomas, James Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, Abraham W. Venable, William W. Wick, and Hezekiah Williams.

Kingsley S. Bingham, Charles W. Cathcart, Asa W. H. Clapp, Timothy Jenkins, James H. Johnson, Frederick W. Lord, Charles H. Peaslee, Lucius B. Peck, Ephraim K. Smart, George A. Starkweather, Charles E. Stuart, Benjamin B. Thruston, John Wentworth, and David Wilmot voted for ROBERT MCCLELLAND.

Linn Boyd, Howell Cobb, George S. Houston, George W. Jones, Thomas W. Ligon, Robert M. McLane, William Thompson, and Thomas J. Turner voted for JOHN A. MCCLERNAND.

Henry Bedinger, William G. Brown, Robert W. Johnson, Richard F. Simpson, Alexander D. Sims, Frederick P. Stanton, and Jacob Thompson voted for R. BARNWELL RHETT.

Thomas H. Bayly, John H. Harmanson, Samson W. Harris, and Alfred Iverson voted for ARMISTEAD BURT.

Armistead Burt, Franklin Clark, James S. Wiley, and Joseph A. Woodward voted for HOWELL COBB.

Joshua R. Giddings and Amos Tuck voted for JAMES WILSON.

Joseph E. Edsall voted for JACOB THOMPSON.

Charles J. Ingersoll voted for ISAAC E. HOLMES.

Andrew Johnson voted for JOSEPH A. WOODWARD.

John G. Palfrey voted for CHARLES HUDSON.

Samuel O. Peyton voted for RICHARD FRENCH.

*Recapitulation of the third vote for Speaker.*

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| For Robert C. Winthrop | 110 |
| For Linn Boyd | 64 |
| For Robert McClelland | 14 |
| For John A. McClernand | 8 |
| For R. Barnwell Rhett | 7 |
| For Armistead Burt | 4 |
| For Howell Cobb | 4 |

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| For James Wilson | 2 |
| For Jacob Thompson | 1 |
| For Isaac E. Holmes | 1 |
| For Joseph A. Woodward | 1 |
| For Charles Hudson | 1 |
| For Richard French | 1 |
| Whole number of votes | 218 |
| Necessary to a choice | 110 |

A majority of the whole number of members present having voted for ROBERT C. WINTHROP, he was declared by the Clerk duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the thirtieth Congress.

Mr. Winthrop was then conducted to the chair by Mr. James J. McKay, of North Carolina, and Mr. Samuel F. Vinton, of Ohio, where the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, as prescribed by the constitution, and by the act of June 1, 1789, entitled "An act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain oaths," was administered to the Speaker by Mr. John Quincy Adams, one of the Representatives from the State of Massachusetts.

The same oath (or affirmation) was then administered by the Speaker to all the other members of the House who answered to their names.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

And the Secretary withdrew.

On motion of Mr. White,

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform that body that quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled, and that Robert C. Winthrop, one of the Representatives from the State of Massachusetts, has been chosen Speaker, and that the House is now ready to proceed to business, and that the Clerk do go with said message.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll offered the following resolution; which was read, modified, and agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the rules of the House of Representatives, except the 33d rule, as they existed at the close of the last session of Congress, be, until the third Monday of December, 1847, adopted as the rules of this House, and that a committee be appointed to revise the rules, and report to this House such alterations and amendments as may be deemed advisable.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, Mr. Truman Smith, Mr. Howell Cobb, Mr. Caleb B. Smith, Mr. Barringer, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Gentry, and Mr. Jenkins were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Schenck laid on the table, under the rule, a communication

from James Monroe, of the State of New York, giving notice that he should contest the right of David S. Jackson, the sitting member, to a seat in the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Washington Hunt,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed on the part of this House to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of the House is assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

Mr. Hunt, Mr. Howell Cobb, and Mr. Collamer were appointed the committee on the part of the House.

Mr. Levin moved that when the House adjourn to-day, it adjourn to meet to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Levin offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Benjamin B. French be, and he is hereby, appointed Clerk of this House for the thirtieth Congress.

The said resolution was read, and pending the question upon the same,

On motion of Mr. Caleb B. Smith, the House, at ten minutes before 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, December 7, 1847.

The following members, viz:

Thomas Butler King, of the State of Georgia; Orlando B. Ficklin, of the State of Illinois; Franklin W. Bowdon, of the State of Alabama; and William M. Cocke, of the State of Tennessee; severally appeared, were sworn to support the constitution of the United States, and took seats in the House.

John H. Tweedy, delegate from the Territory of Wisconsin, appeared, was sworn to support the constitution of the United States, and took a seat in the House.

The House resnmed the consideration of the resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Levin, and pending when the House adjourned: when

Mr. Levin modified his said resolution to read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House do now proceed to the election of a Clerk *viva voce*.

The said rosolution was read as modified.

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

In pursuance of the said resolution the House proceeded, *viva voce*, to the election of a Clerk; and the following named members voted for Thomas J. Campbell:

Amos Abbott, Green Adams, George Ashmun, Daniel M. Barringer, Washington Barrow, Hiram Belcher, John Blanchard, John M. Botts, Nathaniel Boydon, Jasper E. Brady, Aylett Buckner, Chester Butler, E. Carrington Cabell, Richard S. Canby, John G.

Chapman, Thomas L. Clingman, William M. Cocke, Jacob Collamer, Harmon S. Conger, Robert B. Cranston, John W. Crisfield, John Crowell, John H. Crozier, John Dickey, James Dixon, Richard S. Donnell, William Duer, Daniel Duncan, Garnett Duncan, George G. Dunn, George N. Eckert, Thomas O. Edwards, Elisha Embree, Alexander Evans, Nathan Evans, John W. Farrelly, David Fisher, Thomas S. Flournoy, John Freedley, Andrew S. Fulton, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, William L. Goggin, Daniel Gott, Dudley S. Gregory, Joseph Grinnell, Artemas Hale, Nathan K. Hall, James G. Hampton, Moses Hampton, William T. Haskell, William Henry, Henry W. Hilliard, John M. Holley, Elias B. Holmes, John W. Hornbeck, John W. Houston, Samuel D. Hubbard, Charles Hudson, Washington Hunt, Joseph R. Ingersoll, Alexander Irvin, John W. Jones, Orlando Kellogg, Thomas Butler King, Daniel P. King, William T. Lawrence, Abraham Lincoln, Abraham R. McIlvaine, George P. Marsh, Dudley Marvin, Charles S. Morehead, Joseph Mullin, William Nelson, Henry Nes, William A. Newall, David Outlaw, John G. Palfrey, John S. Pendleton, James Pollock, William B. Preston, Harvey Putnam, Gideon Reynolds, Julius Rockwell, John A. Rockwell, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, Joseph M. Root, David Rumsey, jr., Daniel B. St. John, Robert C. Schenck, Augustine H. Shepperd, Eliakim Sherrill, Peter H. Silvester, John I. Slingerland, Caleb B. Smith, Truman Smith, Alexander H. Stephens, Andrew Stewart, John Strohm, Frederick A. Tallmadge, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, John L. Taylor, Patrick W. Tompkins, Richard W. Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert Toombs, John Van Dyke, Samuel F. Vinton, Cornelius Warren, Hugh White, James Wilson, and Robert C. Winthrop.

The following named members voted for Benjamin B. French:

John Quincy Adams, Archibald Atkinson, Thomas H. Bayly, Richard L. T. Beale, Henry Bedinger, Kingsley S. Bingham, Ausburn Birdsall, James A. Black, Thomas S. Bocock, Franklin W. Bowdon, James B. Bowlin, Linn Boyd, Richard Brodhead, William G. Brown, Charles Brown, Armistead Burt, Charles W. Cathcart, Lucien B. Chase, Asa W. H. Clapp, Franklin Clark, Beverly L. Clark, Howell Cobb, Williamson R. W. Cobb, William Collins, John D. Cummins, John R. J. Daniel, Rudolphus Dickinson, Joseph E. Edsall, James J. Faran, Winfield S. Featherston, Orlando B. Ficklin, George Fries, Richard French, James S. Green, Willard P. Hall, David Hammons, Hugh A. Haralson, John H. Harmanson, Samson W. Harris, Thomas J. Henley, Hugh L. W. Hill, George S. Houston, Samuel W. Inge, Charles J. Ingersoll, Alfred Iverson, David S. Jackson, John Jamieson, Timothy Jenkins, Andrew Johnson, James H. Johnson, Robert W. Johnson, George W. Jones, David S. Kaufman, William Kennon, jr., Samuel Lahm, Emile La Sère, Sidney Lawrence, Shepherd Leffler, Lewis C. Levin, Thomas W. Ligon, Frederick W. Lord, John H. Lumpkin, William B. Maclay, Robert McClelland, John A. McClernand, James McDowell, James J. McKay, Robert M. McLane, Job Mann, Richard K. Meade, John K. Miller, Jonathan D. Morris, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, Henry Nicoll, Charles H. Peaslee, Lucius B. Peck, George Petrie,

John Pettit, Samuel O. Peyton, John S. Phelps, R. Barnwell Rhett, William A. Richardson, Thomas Ritchey, John L. Robinson, William Rockhill, William Sawyer, Richard F. Simpson, Alexander D. Sims, Ephraim K. Smart, Robert Smith, Frederick P. Stanton, George A. Starkweather, William Strong, Charles E. Stuart, James H. Thomas, James Thompson, Jacob Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, William Thompson, Benjamin B. Thurston, Thomas J. Turner, Abraham W. Venable, John Wentworth, William W. Wick, Hezekiah Williams, James S. Wiley, David Wilmot, and Joseph A. Woodward.

Isaac E. Holmes voted for Samuel L. Governeur.

Joshua R. Giddings voted for Nathan Sergeant.

Amos Tuck voted for George Kent.

*Recapitulation of the vote for Clerk.*

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| For Thomas Jefferson Campbell | 113 |
| For Benjamin B. French | 109 |
| For Samuel L. Governeur | 1 |
| For Nathan Sergeant | 1 |
| For George Kent | 1 |
| Whole number of votes | 225 |
| Necessary to a choice | 113 |

Thomas Jefferson Campbell, having received a majority of the whole number of votes given in, was declared to be duly elected Clerk of the House.

And thereupon,

The said Thomas Jefferson Campbell appeared, and the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, together with the oath of office, as prescribed by the act of June 1, 1789, entitled "An act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain oaths," was administered to him by the Speaker; when he entered upon the duties of his office.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have adopted a resolution for the appointment of a committee, to join such committee as may be appointed by this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum has assembled, and that Congress is now ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, and the Senate have appointed Mr. Sevier, Mr. Mangum, and Mr. Fairfield the committee on their part.

And the Secretary withdrew.

The House (by unanimous consent) proceeded to the consideration of the said message; when the same was concurred in: and

Mr. Washington Hunt, Mr. Howell Cobb, and Mr. Jacob Collamer were appointed the said committee on the part of the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Alexander Evans offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House, immediately after the passage of this resolution, place in a box the name of each member and delegate of the House of Representatives upon a separate piece of paper; that he then proceed, in the presence of the House, to draw from said box, one at a time, the said pieces of paper, and as each is drawn he shall announce the name of the member upon it, who shall then choose his seat for the present session: *Provided*, That before said drawing shall commence, the Speaker shall cause every seat to be vacated, and shall see that each seat continues vacant until it is selected under this order.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. George W. Jones moved that it be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 77 / Nays ..... 138

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Mr. Amos Abbott
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead,
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
John W. Farrelly
George Fries
Richard French
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Mr. Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Alexander Irvin
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
Araham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
Mr. John Pettit
Samnel O. Peyton
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Ritchey
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Peter H. Silvester
Alexander D. Sims
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
William Strong
Charles E. Stuart
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
William W. Wick.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Mr. Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Eranklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mr. Dudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
Meredith P. Gentry

Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Artemas Hale
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
John W. Hornbeck
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
Timothy Jenkins
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
David S. Kaufman
Thomas Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Mr. Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
R. Barnwell Rhett
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Mr. J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Richard F. Simpson
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Pending further proceedings upon the said resolution, and by unanimous consent of the House,

Mr. Hunt, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that quorums of the two houses had assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make, reported that the committee had waited on the President and discharged the duties for which it had been appointed, and that the President answered that he would make a communication in writing to the two houses to-day.

And thereupon,

A communication in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. Knox Walker, his private secretary; which was read, and is as follows:

*Fellow-citizens of the Senate*
*and of the House of Representatives:*

The annual meeting of Congress is always an interesting event. The Representatives of the States and of the people come fresh from their connstituents to take counsel together for the common good. After an existence of near three-fourths of a century as a free and independent republic, the problem no longer remains to be solved, whether man is capable of self-government. The success of our admirable system is a conclusive refutation of the theories of those in other countries who maintain that "a favored few" are born to rule, and that the mass of mankind must be governed by force. Subject to no arbitrary or hereditary authority, the people are the only sovereigns recognised by our constitution. Nu-

merous emigrants of every lineage and language, attracted by the civil and religious freedom we enjoy, and by our happy condition, annually crowd to our shores, and transfer their heart, not less than their allegiance, to the country whose dominion belongs alone to the people.

No country has been so much favored, or should acknowledge with deeper reverence the manifestations of the Divine protection. An all-wise Creator directed and guarded us in our infant struggle for freedom, and has constantly watched over our surprising progress, until we have become one of the great nations of the earth.

It is in a country thus favored, and under a government in which the executive and legislative branches hold their authority for limited periods, alike from the people, and where all are responsible to their respective constituencies, that it is again my duty to communicate with Congress upon the state of the Union, and the present condition of public affairs.

During the past year the most gratifying proofs are presented that our country has been blessed with a wide-spread and universal prosperity. There has been no period since the government was founded, when all the industrial pursuits of our people have been more successful, or when labor in all branches of business has received a fairer or better reward. From our abundance we have been enabled to perform the pleasing duty of furnishing food for the starving millions of less favored countries.

In the enjoyment of the bounties of Providence at home, such as have rarely fallen to the lot of any people, it is cause of congratulation, that our intercourse with all the Powers of the earth, except Mexico, continues to be of an amicable character.

It has ever been our cherished policy to cultivate peace and goodwill with all nations; and this policy has been steadily pursued by me.

No change has taken place in our relations with Mexico since the adjournment of the last Congress. The war in which the United States were forced to engage with the government of that country still continues.

I deem it unnecessary, after the full exposition of them contained in my message of the eleventh of May, 1846, and in my annual message at the commencement of the session of Congress in December last, to reiterate the serious causes of complaint which we had against Mexico before she commenced hostilities.

It is sufficient on the present occasion to say, that the wanton violation of the rights of person and property of our citizens committed by Mexico, her repeated acts of bad faith, through a long series of years, and her disregard of solemn treaties, stipulating for indemnity to our injured citizens, not only constituted ample cause of war on our part, but were of such an aggravated character as would have justified us before the whole world in resorting to this extreme remedy. With an anxious desire to avoid a rupture between the two countries, we forbore for years to assert our clear rights by force, and continued to seek redress for the wrongs we had suffered by amicable negotiation, in the hope that Mexico

might yield to pacific counsels and the demands of justice. In this hope we were disappointed. Our minister of peace sent to Mexico was insultingly rejected. The Mexican government refused even to hear the terms of adjustment which he was authorized to propose; and finally, under wholly unjustifiable pretexts, involved the two countries in war, by invading the territory of the State of Texas, striking the first blow, and shedding the blood of our citizens on our own soil.

Though the United States were the aggrieved nation, Mexico commenced the war, and we were compelled, in self-defence, to repel the invader, and to vindicate the national honor and interests by prosecuting it with vigor until we could obtain a just and honorable peace.

On learning that hostilities had been commenced by Mexico, I promptly communicated that fact, accompanied with a succinct statement of our other causes of complaint against Mexico, to Congress; and that body, by the act of the thirteenth of May, 1846, declared that "by the act of the republic of Mexico, a state of war exists between that government and the United States"—this act declaring "the war to exist by the act of the republic of Mexico," and making provision for its prosecution "to a speedy and successful termination," was passed with great unanimity by Congress, there being but two negative votes in the Senate, and but fourteen in the House of Representatives.

The existence of the war having thus been declared by Congress, it became my duty, under the constitution and the laws, to conduct and prosecute it. This duty has been performed; and though, at every stage of its progress, I have manifested a willingness to terminate it by a just peace, Mexico has refused to accede to any terms which could be accepted by the United States, consistently with the national honor and interest.

The rapid and brilliant successes of our arms, and the vast extent of the enemy's territory which had been overrun and conquered, before the close of the last session of Congress, were fully known to that body. Since that time, the war has been prosecuted with increased energy, and, I am gratified to state, with a success which commands universal admiration. History presents no parallel of so many glorious victories achieved by any nation within so short a period. Our army, regulars and volunteers, have covered themselves with imperishable honors. Whenever and wherever our forces have encountered the enemy, though he was in vastly superior numbers, and often entrenched in fortified positions of his own selection, and of great strength, he has been defeated. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon our officers and men, regulars and volunteers, for their gallantry, discipline, indomitable courage and perseverance, all seeking the post of danger, and vieing with each other in deeds of noble daring.

While every patriot's heart must exult, and a just national pride animate every bosom, in beholding the high proofs of courage, consummate military skill, steady discipline, and humanity to the vanquished enemy, exhibited by our gallant army, the nation is called

to mourn over the loss of many brave officers and soldiers who have fallen in defence of their country's honor and interests. The brave dead met their melancholy fate in a foreign land, nobly discharging their duty, and with their country's flag waving triumphantly in the face of the foe. Their patriotic deeds are justly appreciated, and will long be remembered by their grateful countrymen. The parental care of the government they loved and served should be extended to their surviving families.

Shortly after the adjournment of the last session of Congress, the gratifying intelligence was received of the signal victory of Buena Vista and of the fall of the city of Vera Cruz, and with it the strong castle of San Juan de Ulloa, by which it was defended. Believing that after these and other successes, so honorable to our arms and so disastrous to Mexico, the period was propitious to afford her another opportunity, if the thought proper to embrace it, to enter into negotiations for peace, a commissioner was appointed to proceed to the headquarters of our army, with full powers to enter upon negotiations, and to conclude a just and honorable treaty of peace. He was not directed to make any new overtures of peace, but was the bearer of a despatch from the Secretary of State of the United States to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, in reply to one received from the latter of the twenty-second of February, 1847, in which the Mexican government was informed of his appointment, and of his presence at the headquarters of our army, and that he was invested with full powers to conclude a definitive treaty of peace, whenever the Mexican government might signify a desire to do so. While I was unwilling to subject the United States to another indignant refusal, I was yet resolved that the evils of the war should not be protracted a day longer than might be rendered absolutely necessary by the Mexican government.

Care was taken to give no instructions to the commissioner which could in any way interfere with our military operations, or relax our energies in the prosecution of the war. He possessed no authority in any manner to control these operations. He was authorized to exhibit his instructions to the General in command of the army; and in the event of a treaty being concluded and ratified on the part of Mexico, he was directed to give him notice of that fact. On the happening of such contingency, and on receiving notice thereof, the General in command was instructed by the Secretary of War to suspend further active military operations until further orders. These instructions were given with a view to intermit hostilities until the treaty thus ratified by Mexico could be transmitted to Washington, and receive the action of the government of the United States.

The commissioner was also directed, on reaching the army, to deliver to the General in command the despatch which he bore from the Secretary of State to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, and, on receiving it, the General was instructed by the Secretary of War to cause it to be transmitted to the commander of the Mexican forces, with a request that it might be communicated to his government.

The commissioner did not reach the headquarters of the army until after another brilliant victory had crowned our arms at Cerro Gordo.

The despatch which he bore from the Secretary of War to the General in command of the army was received by that officer, then at Jalapa, on the seventh of May, 1847, together with the despatch from the Secretary of State to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico; having been transmitted to him from Vera Cruz. The commissioner arrived at the headquarters of the army a few days afterwards. His presence with the army and his diplomatic character were made known to the Mexican government, from Puebla, on the twelfth of June, 1847, by the transmission of the despatch from the Secretary of State to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico.

Many weeks elapsed after its receipt, and no overtures were made, nor was any desire expressed by the Mexican government to enter into negotiations for peace.

Our army pursued its march upon the capital, and, as it approached it, was met by formidable resistance. Our forces first encountered the enemy, and achieved signal victories in the severely contested battles of Contreras and Churubusco. It was not until after these actions had resulted in decisive victories, and the capital of the enemy was within our power, that the Mexican government manifested any disposition to enter into negotiations for peace; and even then, as events have proved, there is too much reason to believe they were insincere, and that in agreeing to go through the forms of negotiation, the object was to gain time to strengthen the defences of their capital, and to prepare for fresh resistance.

The General in command of the army deemed it expedient to suspend hostilities temporarily, by entering into an armistice with a view to the opening of negotiations. Commissioners were appointed on the part of Mexico to meet the commissioner on the part of the United States. The result of the conferences which took place between these functionaries of the two governments was a failure to conclude a treaty of peace.

The commissioner of the United States took with him the projet of a treaty already prepared, by the terms of which the indemnity required by the United States was a cession of territory.

It is well known that the only indemnity which it is in the power of Mexico to make in satisfaction of the just and long deferred claims of our citizens against her, and the only means by which she can reimburse the United States for the expenses of the war, is a cession to the United States of a portion of her territory. Mexico has no money to pay, and no other means of making the required indemnity. If we refuse this, we can obtain nothing else. To reject indemnity, by refusing to accept a cession of territory, would be to abandon all our just demands, and to wage the war, bearing all its expenses, without a purpose or definite object.

A state of war abrogates treaties previously existing between the belligerents, and a treaty of peace puts an end to all claims for in-

demnity—for tortious acts committed under the authority of one government against the citizens or subjects of another, unless they are provided for in its stipulations. A treaty of peace which would terminate the existing war, without providing for indemnity, would enable Mexico—the acknowledged debtor, and herself the aggressor in the war—to relieve herself from her just liabilities. By such a treaty, our citizens who hold just demands against her would have no remedy either against Mexico or their own government. Our duty to these citizens must forever prevent such a peace, and no treaty which does not provide ample means of discharging these demands can receive my sanction.

A treaty of peace should settle all existing differences between the two countries. If an adequate cession of territory should be made by such a treaty, the United States should release Mexico from all her liabilities, and assume their payment to our own citizens. If, instead of this, the United States were to consent to a treaty by which Mexico should again engage to pay the heavy amount of indebtedness which a just indemnity to our government and our citizens would impose on her, it is notorious that she does not possess the means to meet such an undertaking. From such a treaty no result could be anticipated, but the same irritating disappointments which have heretofore attended the violations of similar treaty stipulations on the part of Mexico. Such a treaty would be but a temporary cessation of hostilities, without the restoration of the friendship and good understanding which should characterize the future intercourse between the two countries.

That Congress contemplated the acquisition of territorial indemnity when that body made provision for the prosecution of the war, is obvious. Congress could not have meant—when, in May, 1846, they appropriated ten millions of dollars, and authorized the President to employ the militia and naval and military forces of the United States, and to accept the services of fifty thousand volunteers, to enable him to prosecute the war; and when, at their last session, and after our army had invaded Mexico, they made additional appropriations, and authorized the raising of additional troops for the same purpose—that no indemnity was to be obtained from Mexico at the conclusion of the war; and yet it was certain that, if no Mexican territory was acquired, no indemnity could be obtained.

It is further manifest that Congress contemplated territorial indemnity, from the fact, that at their last session an act was passed, upon the Executive recommendation, appropriating three millions of dollars with that express object. This appropriation was made "to enable the President to conclude a treaty of peace, limits, and boundaries with the republic of Mexico, to be used by him in the event that said treaty, when signed by the authorized agents of the two governments, and duly ratified by Mexico, shall call for the expenditure of the same, or any part thereof." The object of asking this appropriation was distinctly stated in the several messages on the subject which I communicated to Congress. Similar appropriations made in 1803 and 1806, which were referred to, were in-

tended to be applied in part consideration for the cession of Louisiana and the Floridas. In like manner it was anticipated that, in settling the terms of a treaty of "limits and boundaries" with Mexico, a cession of territory estimated to be of greater value than the amount of our demands against her might be obtained; and that the prompt payment of this sum—in part consideration for the territory ceded—on the conclusion of a treaty, and its ratification on her part, might be an inducement with her to make such a cession of territory as would be satisfactory to the United States. And although the failure to conclude such a treaty has rendered it unnecessary to use any part of the three millions of dollars appropriated by that act, and the entire sum remains in the treasury, it is still applicable to that object, should the contingency occur making such application proper.

The doctrine of no territory is the doctrine of no indemnity; and, if sanctioned, would be a public acknowledgment that our country was wrong, and that the war declared by Congress with extraordinary unanimity was unjust, and should be abandoned; an admission unfounded in fact, and degrading to the national character.

The terms of the treaty proposed by the United States were not only just to Mexico, but, considering the character and amount of our claims, the unjustifiable and unprovoked commencement of hostilities by her, the expenses of the war to which we have been subjected, and the success which had attended our arms, were deemed to be of a most liberal character.

The commissioner of the United States was authorized to agree to the establishment of the Rio Grande as the boundary, from its entrance into the Gulf to its intersection with the southern boundary of New Mexico, in north latitude about thirty-two degrees, and to obtain a cession to the United States of the provinces of New Mexico and the Californias, and the privilege of the right of way across the isthmus of Tehuantepec. The boundary of the Rio Grande, and the cession to the United States of New Mexico and Upper California, constituted an ultimatum which our commissioner was, under no circumstances, to yield.

That it might be manifest not only to Mexico, but to all other nations, that the United States were not disposed to take advantage of a feeble power, by insisting upon wresting from her all the other provinces, including many of her principal towns and cities, which we had conquered and held in our military occupation, but were willing to conclude a treaty in a spirit of liberality, our commissioner was authorized to stipulate for the restoration to Mexico of all our other conquests.

As the territory to be acquired by the boundary proposed might be estimated to be of greater value than a fair equivalent for our just demands, our commissioner was authorized to stipulate for the payment of such additional pecuniary consideration as was deemed reasonable.

The terms of a treaty proposed by the Mexican commissioners were wholly inadmissible. They negotiated as if Mexico were the victorious, and not the vanquished party. They must have known

that their ultimatum could never be accepted. It required the United States to dismember Texas, by surrendering to Mexico that part of the territory of that State lying between the Nueces and the Rio Grande, included within her limits by her laws when she was an independent republic, and when she was annexed to the United States and admitted by Congress as one of the States of our Union. It contained no provision for the payment by Mexico of the just claims of our citizens. It required indemnity to Mexican citizens for injuries they may have sustained by our troops in the prosecution of the war. It demanded the right for Mexico to levy and collect the Mexican tariff of duties on goods imported into her ports while in our military occupation during the war, and the owners of which had paid to officers of the United States the military contributions which had been levied upon them; and it offered to cede to the United States, for a pecuniary consideration, that part of Upper California lying north of latitude thirty-seven degrees. Such were the unreasonable terms proposed by the Mexican commissioners.

The cession to the United States by Mexico, of the provinces of New Mexico and the Californias, as proposed by the commissioner of the United States, it was believed, would be more in accordance with the convenience and interests of both nations, than any other cession of territory which it was probable Mexico could be induced to make.

It is manifest to all who have observed the actual condition of the Mexican government, for some years past, and at present, that if these provinces should be retained by her, she could not long continue to hold and govern them. Mexico is too feeble a power to govern these provinces, lying as they do at a distance of more than a thousand miles from her capital, and, if attempted to be retained by her, they would constitute but for a short time, even nominally, a part of her dominions.

This would be especially the case with Upper California. The sagacity of powerful European nations has long since directed their attention to the commercial importance of that province, and there can be little doubt that the moment the United States shall relinquish their present occupation of it, and their claim to it as indemnity, an effort would be made by some foreign Power to possess it, either by conquest or by purchase. If no foreign government should acquire it in either of these modes, an independent revolutionary government would probably be established by the inhabitants, and such foreigners as may remain in or remove to the country, as soon as it shall be known that the United States have abandoned it. Such a government would be too feeble long to maintain its separate independent existence, and would finally become annexed to, or be a dependent colony of, some more powerful State.

Should any foreign government attempt to possess it as a colony, or otherwise to incorporate it with itself, the principle avowed by President Monroe in 1824, and reaffirmed in my first annual message, that no foreign Power shall, with our con-

sent, be permitted to plant or establish any new colony or dominion on any part of the North American continent, must be maintained. In maintaining this principle, and in resisting its invasion by any foreign Power, we might be involved in other wars more expensive and more difficult than that in which we are now engaged.

The provinces of New Mexico and the Californias are contiguous to the territories of the United States, and if brought under the government of our laws, their resources—mineral, agricultural, manufacturing, and commercial—would soon be developed.

Upper California is bounded on the north by our Oregon possessions; and if held by the United States, would soon be settled by a hardy, enterprising and intelligent portion of our population. The bay of San Francisco, and other harbors along the Californian coast, would afford shelter for our navy, for our numerous whale ships, and other merchant vessels employed in the Pacific ocean, and would in a short period become the marts of an extensive and profitable commerce with China, and other countries of the East.

These advantages, in which the whole commercial world would participate, would at once be secured to the United States by the cession of this territory; while it is certain that as long as it remains a part of the Mexican dominions, they can be enjoyed neither by Mexico herself nor by any other nation.

New Mexico is a frontier province, and has never been of any considerable value to Mexico. From its locality, it is naturally connected with our western settlements. The territorial limits of the State of Texas, too, as defined by her laws, before her admission into our Union, embrace all that portion of New Mexico lying east of the Rio Grande, while Mexico still claims to hold this territory as a part of her dominions. The adjustment of this question of boundary is important.

There is another consideration which induced the belief that the Mexican government might even desire to place this province under the protection of the government of the United States. Numerous bands of fierce and warlike savages wander over it, and upon its borders. Mexico has been, and must continue to be too feeble to restrain them from committing depredations, robberies and murders, not only upon the inhabitants of New Mexico itself, but upon those of the other northern States of Mexico. It would be a blessing to all these northern States to have their citizens protected against them by the power of the United States. At this moment many Mexicans, principally females and children, are in captivity among them. If New Mexico were held and governed by the United States, we could effectually prevent these tribes from committing such outrages, and compel them to release these captives, and restore them to their families and friends.

In proposing to acquire New Mexico and the Californias, it was known that but an inconsiderable portion of the Mexican

people would be transferred with them, the country embraced within these provinces being chiefly an uninhabited region.

These were the leading considerations which induced me to authorize the terms of peace which were proposed to Mexico. They were rejected; and, negotiations being at an end, hostilities were renewed. An assault was made by our gallant army upon the strongly fortified places near the gates of the city of Mexico, and upon the city itself; and after several days of severe conflict, the Mexican forces—vastly superior in number to our own—were driven from the city, and it was occupied by our troops.

Immediately after information was received of the unfavorable result of the negotiations, believing that his continued presence with the army could be productive of no good, I determined to recall our commissioner. A despatch to this effect was transmitted to him on the sixth of October last. The Mexican government will be informed of his recall; and that, in the existing state of things, I shall not deem it proper to make any further overtures of peace, but shall be at all times ready to receive and consider any proposals which may be made by Mexico.

Since the liberal proposition of the United States was authorized to be made in April last, large expenditures have been incurred, and the precious blood of many of our patriotic fellow-citizens has been shed in the prosecution of the war. This consideration, and the obstinate perseverance of Mexico in protracting the war, must influence the terms of peace which it may be deemed proper hereafter to accept.

Our arms having been everywhere victorious, having subjected to our military occupation a large portion of the enemy's country, including his capital, and negotiations for peace having failed, the important questions arise, in what manner the war ought to be prosecuted? and what should be our future policy? I cannot doubt that we should secure and render available the conquests which we have already made; and that, with this view, we should hold and occupy, by our naval and military forces, all the ports, towns, cities, and provinces now in our occupation, or which may hereafter fall into our possession; that we should press forward our military operations, and levy such military contributions on the enemy, as may, as far as practicable, defray the future expenses of the war.

Had the government of Mexico acceded to the equitable and liberal terms proposed, that mode of adjustment would have been preferred. Mexico having declined to do this, and failed to offer any other terms which could be accepted by the United States, the national honor, no less than the public interests, requires that the war should be prosecuted with increased energy and power, until a just and satisfactory peace can be obtained. In the meantime, as Mexico refuses all indemnity, we should adopt measures to indemnify ourselves, by appropriating permanently a portion of her territory. Early after the commencement of the war, New Mexico and the Californias were taken possession of by our forces. Our military and naval commanders were ordered to conquer and hold them, subject to be disposed of by a treaty of peace.

These provinces are now in our undisputed occupation, and have been so for many months; all resistance on the part of Mexico having ceased within their limits. I am satisfied that they should never be surrendered to Mexico. Should Congress concur with me in this opinion, and that they should be retained by the United States as indemnity, I can perceive no good reason why the civil jurisdiction and laws of the United States should not at once be extended over them. To wait for a treaty of peace, such as we are willing to make, by which our relations towards them would not be changed, cannot be good policy; whilst our own interest, and that of the people inhabiting them, require that a stable, responsible and free government under our authority should, as soon as possible, be established over them. Should Congress, therefore, determine to hold these provinces permanently, and that they shall hereafter be considered as constituent parts of our country, the early establishment of territorial governments over them will be important for the more perfect protection of persons and property; and I recommend that such territorial governments be established. It will promote peace and tranquillity among the inhabitants, by allaying all apprehension that they may still entertain of being again subjected to the jurisdiction of Mexico. I invite the early and favorable consideration of Congress to this important subject.

Besides New Mexico and the Californias, tnere are other Mexican provinces which have been reduced to our possession by conquest. These other Mexican provinces are now governed by our military and naval commanders, under the general authority which is conferred upon a conqueror by the laws of war. They should continue to be held as a means of coercing Mexico to accede to just terms of peace. Civil as well as military officers are required to conduct such a government. Adequate compensation to be drawn from contributions levied on the enemy should be fixed by law for such officers as may be thus employed. What further provision may become necessary, and what final disposition it may be proper to make of them, must depend on the future progress of the war, and the course which Mexico may think proper hereafter to pursue.

With the views I entertain, I cannot favor the policy which has been suggested, either to withdraw our army altogether, or to retire to a designated line, and simply hold and defend it. To withdraw our army altogether from the conquests they have made by deeds of unparallelled bravery, and at the expense of so much blood and treasure, in a just war on our part, and one which, by the act of the enemy, we could not honorably have avoided, would be to degrade the nation in its own estimation and in that of the world.

To retire to a line, and simply hold and defend it, would not terminate the war. On the contrary, it would encourage Mexico to persevere, and tend to protract it indefinitely. It is not to be expected that Mexico, after refusing to establish such a line as a parmanent boundary, when our victorious army are in possession

of her capital, and in the heart of her country, would permit us to hold it without resistance. That she would continue the war, and in the most harassing and annoying forms, there can be no doubt. A border warfare of the most savage character, extending over a long line, would be unceasingly waged. It would require a large army to be kept constantly in the field, stationed at posts and garrisons along such a line, to protect and defend it. The enemy, relieved from the pressure of our arms on his coasts and in the populous parts of the interior, would direct his attention to this line, and, selecting an isolated post for attack, would concentrate his forces upon it. This would be a condition of affairs which the Mexicans, pursuing their favorite system of guerilla warfare, would probably prefer to any other. Were we to assume a defensive attitude on such a line, all the advantages of such a state of war would be on the side of the enemy. We could levy no contributions upon him, or in any other way make him feel the pressure of the war, but must remain inactive and await his approach, being in constant uncertainty at what point on the line, or at what time, he might make an assault. He may assemble and organize an overwhelming force in the interior, on his own side of the line, and, concealing his purpose, make a sudden assault upon some one of our posts so distant from any other as to prevent the possibility of timely succor or reinforcements; and in this way our gallant army would be exposed to the danger of being cut off in detail; or if, by their unequalled bravery and prowess everywhere exhibited during this war, they should repulse the enemy, their numbers stationed at any one post may be too small to pursue him. If the enemy be repulsed in one attack, he would have nothing to do but to retreat to his own side of the line, and, being in no fear of a pursuing army, may reinforce himself at leisure, for another attack on the same or some other post. He may, too, cross the line between our posts, make rapid incursions into the country which we hold, murder the inhabitants, commit depredations on them, and then retreat to the interior before a sufficient force can be concentrated to pursue him. Such would probably be the harassing character of a mere defensive war on our part. If our forces, when attacked, or threatened with attack, be permitted to cross the line, drive back the enemy, and conquer him, this would be again to invade the enemy's country, after having lost all the advantages of the conquests we have already made, by having voluntarily abandoned them. To hold such a line successfully and in security, it is far from being certain that it would not require as large an army as would be necessary to hold all the conquests we have already made, and to continue the prosecution of the war in the heart of the enemy's country. It is also far from being certain that the expenses of the war would be diminished by such a policy.

I am persuaded that the best means of vindicating the national honor and interest, and of bringing the war to an honorable close, will be to prosecute it with increased energy and power in the vital parts of the enemy's country.

In my annual message to Congress of December last, I declared that "the war has not been waged with a view to conquest; but having been commenced by Mexico, it has been carried into the enemy's country, and will be vigorously prosecuted there, with a view to obtain an honorable peace, and thereby secure ample indemnity for the expenses of the war, as well as to our much-injured citizens, who hold large pecuniary demands against Mexico." Such, in my judgment, continues to be our true policy—indeed, the only policy which will probably secure a permanent peace.

It has never been contemplated by me, as an object of the war, to make a permanent conquest of the republic of Mexico, or to annihilate her separate existence as an independent nation. On the contrary, it has ever been my desire that she should maintain her nationality, and, under a good government adapted to her condition, be a free, independent, and prosperous republic. The United States were the first among the nations to recognise her independence, and have always desired to be on terms of amity and good neighborhood with her. This she would not suffer. By her own conduct we have been compelled to engage in the present war. In its prosecution, we seek not her overthrow as a nation; but, in vindicating our national honor, we seek to obtain redress for the wrongs she has done us, and indemnity for our just demands against her. We demand an honorable peace; and that peace must bring with it indemnity for the past and security for the future. Hitherto Mexico has refused all accommodation by which such a peace could be obtained.

Whilst our armies have advanced from victory to victory, from the commencement of the war, it has always been with the olive-branch of peace in their hands; and it has been in the power of Mexico, at every step, to arrest hostilities by accepting it.

One great obstacle to the attainment of peace has, undoubtedly, arisen from the fact, that Mexico has been so long held in subjection by one faction or military usurper after another, and such has been the condition of insecurity in which their successive governments have been placed, that each has been deterred from making peace, lest, for this very cause, a rival faction might expel it from power. Such was the fate of President Herrera's administration in 1845, for being disposed even to listen to the overtures of the United States to prevent the war, as is fully confirmed by an official correspondence which took place in the month of August last, between him and his government, a copy of which is herewith communicated. "For this cause alone, the revolution which displaced him from power was set on foot" by General Paredes. Such may be the condition of insecurity of the present government.

There can be no doubt that the peaceable and well disposed inhabitants of Mexico are convinced that it is the true interest of their country to conclude an honorable peace with the United States; but the apprehension of becoming the victims of some military faction or usurper may have prevented them from manifesting their feelings by any public act. The removal of any such apprehension would probably cause them to speak their sentiments

freely, and to adopt the measures necessary for the restoration of peace. With a people distracted and divided by contending factions, and a government subject to constant changes, by successive revolutions, the continued successes of our arms may fail to secure a satisfactory peace. In such event, it may become proper for our commanding generals in the field to give encouragement and assurances of protection to the friends of peace in Mexico in the establishment and maintenance of a free republican government of their own choice, able and willing to conclude a peace which would be just to them, and secure to us the indemnity we demand. This may become the only mode of obtaining such a peace. Should such be the result, the war which Mexico has forced upon us would thus be converted into an enduring blessing to herself. After finding her torn and distracted by factions, and ruled by military usurpers, we should then leave her with a republican government, in the enjoyment of real independence, and domestic peace and prosperity, performing all her relative duties in the great family of nations, and promoting her own happiness by wise laws and their faithful execution.

If, after affording this encouragement and protection, and after all the persevering and sincere efforts we have made, from the moment Mexico commenced the war, and prior to that time, to adjust our differences with her, we shall ultimately fail, then we shall have exhausted all honorable means in pursuit of peace, and must continue to occupy her country with our troops, taking the full measure of indemnity into our own hands, and must enforce the terms which our honor demands.

To act otherwise, in the existing state of things in Mexico, and to withdraw our army without a peace, would not only leave all the wrongs of which we complain unredressed, but would be the signal for new and fierce civil dissensions and new revolutions—all alike hostile to peaceful relations with the United States.

Besides, there is danger, if our troops were withdrawn before a peace was concluded, that the Mexican people, wearied with successive revolutions, and deprived of protection for their persons and property, might at length be inclined to yield to foreign influences, and to cast themselves into the arms of some European monarch for protection from the anarchy and suffering which would ensue. This, for our own safety, and in pursuance of our established policy, we should be compelled to resist. We could never consent that Mexico should be thus converted into a monarchy governed by a foreign prince.

Mexico is our near neighbor, and her boundaries are coterminous with our own, through the whole extent across the North American continent, from ocean to ocean. Both politically and commercially, we have the deepest interest in her regeneration and prosperity. Indeed, it is impossible that, with any just regard to our own safety, we can ever become indifferent to her fate.

It may be that the Mexican government and people have misconstrued or misunderstood our forbearance, and our objects, in desiring to conclude an amicable adjustment of the existing differences

between the two countries. They may have supposed that we would submit to terms degrading to the nation; or they may have drawn false inferences from the supposed division of opinion in the United States on the subject of the war, and may have calculated to gain much by protracting it; and, indeed, that we might ultimately abandon it altogether, without insisting on any indemnity, territorial or otherwise. Whatever may be the false impressions under which they have acted, the adoption and prosecution of the energetic policy proposed must soon undeceive them.

In the future prosecution of the war, the enemy must be made to feel its pressure more than they have heretofore done. At its commencement, it was deemed proper to conduct it in a spirit of forbearance and liberality. With this end in view, early measures were adopted to conciliate, as far as a state of war would permit, the mass of the Mexican population; to convince them that the war was waged not against the peaceful inhabitants of Mexico, but against their faithless government, which had commenced hostilities; to remove from their minds the false impressions which their designing and interested rulers had artfully attempted to make, that the war on our part was one of conquest; that it was a war against their religion and their churches, which were to be desecrated and overthrown; and that their rights of person and private property would be violated. To remove these false impressions, our commanders in the field were directed scrupulously to respect their religion, their churches, and their church property, which were in no manner to be violated; they were directed also to respect the rights of persons and property of all who should not take up arms against us.

Assurances to this effect were given to the Mexican people by Major General Taylor, in a proclamation issued in pursuance of instructions from the Secretary of War, in the month of June, 1846; and again by Major General Scott, who acted upon his own convictions of the propriety of issuing it in a proclamation of the eleventh of May, 1847.

In this spirit of liberality and conciliation, and with a view to prevent the body of the Mexican population from taking up arms against us, was the war conducted on our part. Provisions and other supplies furnished to our army by Mexican citizens were paid for at fair and liberal prices agreed upon by the parties. After the lapse of a few months, it became apparent that these assurances, and this mild treatment, had failed to produce the desired effect upon the Mexican population. While the war had been conducted on our part according to the most humane and liberal principles observed by civilized nations, it was waged in a far different spirit on the part of Mexico. Not appreciating our forbearance, the Mexican people generally became hostile to the United States, and availed themselves of every opportunity to commit the most savage excesses upon our troops. Large numbers of the population took up arms, and, engaging in guerilla warfare, robbed and murdered in the most cruel manner individual soldiers, or small parties, who in accident or other causes had separated from the main body of our

army; bands of guerilleros and robbers infested the roads, harassed our trains, and, whenever it was in their power, cut off our supplies.

The Mexicans having thus shown themselves to be wholly incapable of appreciating our forbearance and liberality, it was deemed proper to change the manner of conducting the war, by making them feel its pressure according to the usages observed under similar circumstances by all other civilized nations.

Accordingly, as early as the twenty-second of September, 1846, instructions were given by the Secretary of War to Major General Taylor to "draw supplies" for our army "from the enemy, without paying for them, and to require contributions for its support, if in that way he was satisfied he could get abundant supplies for his forces." In directing the execution of these instructions, much was necessarily left to the discretion of the commanding officer, who was best acquainted with the circumstances by which he was surrounded, the wants of the army, and the practicability of enforcing the measure.

General Taylor, on the twenty-sixth of October, 1846, replied, from Monterey, that "it would have been impossible hitherto, and is so now, to sustain the army to any extent by forced contributions of money or supplies." For the reasons assigned by him, he did not adopt the policy of his instructions, but declared his readiness to do so, "should the army, in its future operations, reach a portion of the country which may be made to supply the troops with advantage." He continued to pay for the articles of supply which were drawn from the enemy's country.

Similar instructions were issued to Major General Scott on the third of April, 1847, who replied from Jalapa, on the twentieth of May, 1847, that if it be expected "that the army is to support itself by forced contributions levied upon the country, we may ruin and exasperate the inhabitants, and starve ourselves." The same discretion was given to him that had been to General Taylor in this respect. General Scott, for the reasons assigned by him, also continued to pay for the articles of supply for the army which were drawn from the enemy.

After the army had reached the heart of the most wealthy portion of Mexico, it was supposed that the obstacles which had before that time prevented it would not be such as to render impracticable the levy of forced contributions for its support; and on the first of September, and again on the sixth of October, 1847, the order was repeated in despatches addressed by the Secretary of War to General Scott, and his attention was again called to the importance of making the enemy bear the burdens of the war by requiring them to furnish the means of supporting our army; and he was directed to adopt this policy, unless, by doing so, there was danger of depriving the army of the necessary supplies. Copies of these despatches were forwarded to General Taylor for his government.

On the thirty-first of March last, I caused an order to be issued to our military and naval commanders to levy and collect a military contribution upon all vessels and merchandise which might enter any of the ports of Mexico in our military occupation, and

to apply such contributions towards defraying the expenses of the war. By virtue of the right of conquest and the laws of war, the conqueror, consulting his own safety or convenience, may either exclude foreign commerce altogether from all such ports, or permit it upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe. Before the principal ports of Mexico were blockaded by our navy, the revenue derived from impost duties, under the laws of Mexico, was paid into the Mexican treasury. After these ports had fallen into our military possession, the blockade was raised, and commerce with them permitted upon prescribed terms and conditions. They were opened to the trade of all nations upon the payment of duties more moderate in their amount than those which had been previously levied by Mexico; and the revenue, which was formerly paid into the Mexican treasury, was directed to be collected by our military and naval officers, and applied to the use of our army and navy. Care was taken that the officers, soldiers, and sailors of our army and navy should be exempted from the operations of the order; and as the merchandise imported upon which the order operated must be consumed by Mexican citizens, the contributions exacted were, in effect, the seizure of the public revenues of Mexico, and the application of them to our own use. In directing this measure, the object was to compel the enemy to contribute, as far as practicable, towards the expenses of the war.

For the amount of contributions which have been levied in this form, I refer you to the accompanying reports of the Secretary of War and of the Secretary of the Navy, by which it appears that a sum exceeding half a million of dollars has been collected.

This amount would undoubtedly have been much larger, but for the difficulty of keeping open communications between the coast and the interior, so as to enable the owners of the merchandise imported to transport and vend it to the inhabitants of the country. It is confidently expected that this difficulty will, to a great extent, be soon removed by our increased forces which have been sent to the field.

Measures have recently been adopted by which the internal as well as the external revenues of Mexico, in all places in our military occupation, will be seized and appropriated to the use of our army and navy.

The policy of levying upon the enemy contributions in every form, consistently with the laws of nations, which it may be practicable for our military commanders to adopt, should, in my judgment, be rigidly enforced, and orders to this effect have accordingly been given. By such a policy, at the same time that our own treasury will be relieved from a heavy drain, the Mexican people will be made to feel the burdens of the war, and, consulting their own interests, may be induced the more readily to require their rulers to accede to a just peace.

After the adjournment of the last session of Congress, events transpired in the prosecution of the war which, in my judgment, required a greater number of troops in the field than had been anticipated. The strength of the army was accordingly increased by

"accepting" the services of all the volunteer forces authorized by the act of the thirteenth of May, 1846, without putting a construction on that act, the correctness of which was seriously questioned. The volunteer forces now in the field, with those which had been "accepted," to "serve for twelve months," and were discharged at the end of their term of service, exhaust the fifty thousand men authorized by that act. Had it been clear that a proper construction of the act warranted it, the services of an additional number would have been called for and accepted; but doubts existing upon this point, the power was not exercised.

It is deemed important that Congress should, at an early period of their session, confer the authority to raise an additional regular force to serve during the war with Mexico, and to be discharged upon the conclusion and ratification of a treaty of peace. I invite the attention of Congress to the views presented by the Secretary of War in his report upon this subject.

I recommend, also, that authority be given by law to call for and accept the services of an additional number of volunteers, to be exercised at such time and to such extent as the emergencies of the service may require.

In prosecuting the war with Mexico, whilst the utmost care has been taken to avoid every just cause of complaint on the part of neutral nations, and none has been given, liberal privileges have been granted to their commerce in the ports of the enemy in our military occupation.

The difficulty with the Brazilian government, which at one time threatened to interrupt the friendly relations between the two countries, will, I trust, be speedily adjusted. I have received information that an envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States will shortly be appointed by his Imperial Majesty; and it is hoped that he will come instructed and prepared to adjust all remaining differences between the two governments in a manner acceptable and honorable to both. In the meantime, I have every reason to believe that nothing will occur to interrupt our amicable relations with Brazil.

It has been my constant effort to maintain and cultivate the most intimate relations of friendship with all the independent Powers of South America; and this policy has been attended with the happiest results. It is true, that the settlement and payment of many just claims of American citizens against these nations have been long delayed. The peculiar position in which they have been placed, and the desire on the part of my predecessors, as well as myself, to grant them the utmost indulgence, have hitherto prevented these claims from being urged in a manner demanded by strict justice. The time has arrived when they ought to be finally adjusted and liquidated, and efforts are now making for that purpose.

It is proper to inform you that the government of Peru has in good faith paid the first two instalments of the indemnity of thirty thousand dollars each, and the greater portion of the interest due thereon, in execution of the convention between that government

and the United States, the ratifications of which were exchanged at Lima on the thirty-first of October, 1846. The Attorney General of the United States, early in August last, completed the adjudication of the claims under this convention, and made his report thereon, in pursuance of the act of the eighth of August, 1846. The sums to which the claimants are respectively entitled will be paid on demand at the treasury.

I invite the early attention of Congress to the present condition of our citizens in China. Under our treaty with that power, American citizens are withdrawn from the jurisdiction, whether civil or criminal, of the Chinese government, and placed under that of our public functionaries in that country. By these alone can our citizens be tried and punished for the commission of any crime; by these alone can questions be decided between them, involving the rights of persons and property; and by these alone can contracts be enforced, into which they may have entered with the citizens or subjects of foreign powers. The merchant vessels of the United States lying in the waters of the five ports of China open to foreign commerce are under the exclusive jurisdiction of officers of their own government. Until Congress shall establish competent tribunals to try and punish crimes, and to exercise jurisdiction in civil cases in China, American citizens there are subject to no law whatever. Crimes may be committed with impunity, and debts may be contracted without any means to enforce their payment. Inconveniences have already resulted from the omission of Congress to legislate upon the subject, and still greater are apprehended. The British authorities in China have already complained that this government has not provided for the punishment of crimes, or the enforcement of contracts against American citizens in that country, whilst their government has established tribunals by which an American citizen can recover debts due from British subjects.

Accustomed as the Chinese are to summary justice, they could not be made to comprehend why criminals who are citizens of the United States should escape with impunity, in violation of treaty obligations, whilst the punishment of a Chinese, who had committed any crime against an American citizen, would be rigorously exacted. Indeed, the consequences might be fatal to American citizens in China, should a flagrant crime be committed by any one of them upon a Chinese, and should trial and punishment not follow according to the requisitions of the treaty. This might disturb, if not destroy, our friendly relations with that empire, and cause an interruption of our valuable commerce.

Our treaties with the Sublime Porte, Tripoli, Tunis, Morocco, and Muscat, also require the legislation of Congress to carry them into execution, though the necessity for immediate action may not be so urgent as in regard to China.

The Secretary of State has submitted an estimate to defray the expense of opening diplomatic relations with the Papal States. The interesting political events now in progress in these States, as well

as a just regard to our commercial interests, have, in my opinion, rendered such a measure highly expedient.

Estimates have also been submitted for the outfits and salaries of chargés d'affaires to the republics of Bolivia, Guatemala, and Ecuador. The manifest importance of cultivating the most friendly relations with all the independent States upon this continent has induced me to recommend appropriations necessary for the maintenance of these missions.

I recommend to Congress that an appropriation be made, to be paid to the Spanish government for the purpose of distribution among the claimants in "the Amistad case." I entertain the conviction that this is due to Spain under the treaty of the twentieth of October, 1795; and, moreover, that, from the earnest manner in which the claim continues to be urged, so long as it shall remain unsettled, it will be a source of irritation and discord between the two countries, which may prove highly prejudicial to the interests of the United States. Good policy, no less than a faithful compliance with our treaty obligations, requires that the inconsiderable appropriation demanded should be made.

A detailed statement of the condition of the finances will be presented in the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury. The imports for the last fiscal year, ending on the thirtieth of June, 1847, were of the value of one hundred and forty-six million five hundred and forty-five thousand six hundred and thirty-eight dollars; of which the amount exported was eight million eleven thousand one hundred and fifty-eight dollars, leaving one hundred and thirty-eight million five hundred and thirty-four thousand four hundred and eighty dollars in the country for domestic use. The value of the exports for the same period was one hundred and fifty-eight million six hundred and forty-eight thousand six hundred and twenty-two dollars; of which one hundred and fifty million six hundred and thirty-seven thousand four hundred and sixty-four dollars consisted of domestic productions, and eight million eleven thousand one hundred and fifty-eight dollars of foreign articles.

The receipts into the treasury for the same period amounted to twenty-six million thee hundred and forty-six thousand seven hundred and ninety dollars and thirty-seven cents, of which there was derived from customs twenty-three million seven hundred and forty-seven thousand eight hundred and sixty-four dollars and sixty-six cents; from sales of public lands, two million four hundred and ninety-eight thousand three hundred and thirty-five dollars and twenty cents; and from incidental and miscellaneous sources, one hundred thousand five hundred and seventy dollars and fifty-one cents. The last fiscal year during which this amount was received embraced five months under the operation of the tariff act of 1842, and seven months during which the tariff act of 1846 was in force. During the five months under the act of 1842, the amount received from customs was seven million eight hundred and forty-two thousand three hundred and six dollars and ninety cents, and during the seven months under the act of 1846 the amount received

was fifteen million nine hundred and five thousand five hundred and fifty-seven dollars and seventy-six cents.

The nett revenue from customs during the year ending on the first of December, 1846, being the last year under the operation of the tariff act of 1842, was twenty-two million nine hundred and seventy-one thousand four hundred and three dollars and ten cents; and the nett revenue from customs during the year ending on the first of December, 1847, being the first year under the operation of the tariff act of 1846, was about thirty-one million five hundred thousand dollars; being an increase of revenue for the first year under the tariff of 1846 of more than eight million five hundred thousand dollars over that of the last year under the tariff of 1842.

The expenditures during the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth of June last were fifty-nine million four hundred and fifty-one thousand one hundred and seventy-seven dollars and sixty-five cents; of which three million five hundred and twenty-two thousand and eighty-two dollars and thirty-seven cents was on account of payment of principal and interest of the public debt, including treasury notes redeemed and not funded. The expenditures, exclusive of payment of public debt, were fifty-five million nine hundred and twenty-nine thousand and ninety-five dollars and twenty-eight cents.

It is estimated that the receipts into the treasury for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth of June, 1848, including the balance in the treasury on the first of July last, will amount to forty-two million eight hundred and eighty-six thousand five hundred and forty-five dollars and eighty cents, of which thirty-one million, it is estimated, will be derived from customs; three million five hundred thousand from the sale of the public lands; four hundred thousand from incidental sources, including sales made by the Solicitor of the Treasury; and six million two hundred and eighty-five thousand two hundred and ninety-four dollars and fifty-five cents from loans already authorized by law, which, together with the balance in the treasury on the first of July last, make the sum estimated.

The expenditures for the same period, if peace with Mexico shall not be concluded, and the army shall be increased as is proposed, will amount, including the necessary payments on account of principal and interest of the public debt and treasury notes, to fifty-eight million six hundred and fifteen thousand six hundred and sixty dollars and seven cents.

On the first of the present month, the amount of the public debt actually incurred, including treasury notes, was forty-five million six hundred and fifty-nine thousand six hundred and fifty-nine dollars and forty cents. The public debt due on the fourth of March, 1845, including treasury notes, was seventeen million seven hundred and eighty-eight thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty-two cents; and consequently the addition made to the public debt since that time is twenty-seven million eight

hundred and seventy thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine dollars and seventy-eight cents.

Of the loan of twenty-three millions, authorized by the act of the twenty-eighth of January, 1847, the sum of five millions was paid out to the public creditors, or exchanged at par for specie; the remaining eighteen millions was offered for specie to the highest bidder not below par, by an advertisement issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, and published from the ninth of February until the tenth of April, 1847, when it was awarded to the several highest bidders, at premiums varying from one-eighth of one per cent. to two per cent. above par. The premium has been paid into the treasury, and the sums awarded deposited in specie in the treasury as fast as it was required by the wants of the government.

To meet the expenditures for the remainder of the present and for the next fiscal year, ending on the thirtieth of June, 1849, a further loan, in aid of the ordinary revenues of the government, will be necessary. Retaining a sufficient surplus in the treasury, the loan required for the remainder of the present fiscal year will be about eighteen million five hundred thousand dollars. If the duty on tea and coffee be imposed, and the graduation of the price of the public lands shall be made at an early period of your session, as recommended, the loan for the present fiscal year may be reduced to seventeen millions of dollars. The loan may be further reduced by whatever amount of expenditures can be saved by military contributions collected in Mexico. The most vigorous measures for the augmentation of these contributions have been directed, and a very considerable sum is expected from that source. Its amount cannot, however, be calculated with any certainty. It is recommended that the loan to be made be authorized upon the same terms, and for the same time, as that which was authorized under the provisions of the act of the twenty-eighth of January, 1847.

Should the war with Mexico be continued until the thirtieth of June, 1849, it is estimated that a further loan of twenty million five hundred thousand dollars will be required for the fiscal year ending on that day, in case no duty be imposed on tea and coffee, and the public lands be not reduced and graduated in price, and no military contributions shall be collected in Mexico. If the duty on tea and coffee be imposed, and the lands be reduced and graduated in price, as proposed, the loan may be reduced to seventeen millions of dollars, and will be subject to be still further reduced by the amount of the military contributions which may be collected in Mexico. It is not proposed, however, at present, to ask Congress for authority to negotiate this loan for the next fiscal year, as it is hoped that the loan asked for the remainder of the present fiscal year, aided by military contributions which may be collected in Mexico, may be sufficient. If, contrary to my expectation, there should be a necessity for it, the fact will be communicated to Congress in time for their action during the present session. In no event will a sum exceeding six millions of dollars of this amount

be needed before the meeting of the session of Congress in December, 1848.

The act of the thirtieth of July, 1846, "reducing the duties on imports," has been in force since the first of December last; and I am gratified to state, that all the beneficial effects which were anticipated from its operation have been fully realized. The public revenue derived from customs during the year ending on the first of December, 1847, exceeds by more than eight millions of dollars the amount received in the preceding year under the operation of the act of 1842, which was superseded and repealed by it. Its effects are visible in the great and almost unexampled prosperity which prevails in every branch of business.

While the repeal of the prohibitory and restrictive duties of the act of 1842, and the substitution in their place of reasonable revenue rates levied on articles imported according to their actual value, has increased the revenue and augmented our foreign trade, all the great interests of the country have been advanced and promoted.

The great and important interests of agriculture, which had been not only too much neglected, but actually taxed under the protective policy for the benefit of other interests, have been relieved of the burdens which that policy imposed on them; and our farmers and planters, under a more just and liberal commercial policy, are finding new and profitable markets abroad for their augmented products.

Our commerce is rapidly increasing, and is extending more widely the circle of international exchanges. Great as has been the increase of our imports during the past year, our exports of domestic products sold in foreign markets have been still greater.

Our navigating interest is eminently prosperous. The number of vessels built in the United States has been greater than during any preceding period of equal length. Large profits have been derived by those who have constructed, as well as by those who have navigated them. Should the ratio of increase in the number of our merchant vessels be progressive, and be as great for the future as during the past year, the time is not distant when our tonnage and commercial marine will be larger than that of any other nation in the world.

Whilst the interests of agriculture, of commerce, and of navigation have been enlarged and invigorated, it is highly gratifying to observe that our manufactures are also in a prosperous condition. None of the ruinous effects upon this interest, which were apprehended by some, as the result of the operation of the revenue system established by the act of 1846, have been experienced. On the contrary, the number of manufactories, and the amount of capital invested in them, is steadily and rapidly increasing, affording gratifying proofs that American enterprise and skill employed in this branch of domestic industry, with no other advantages than those fairly and incidentally accruing from a just system of revenue duties, are abundantly able to meet successfully all competition from abroad, and still derive fair and remunerating profits.

While capital invested in manufactures is yielding adequate and fair profits under the new system, the wages of labor, whether employed in manufactures, agriculture, commerce, or navigation, have been augmented. The toiling millions, whose daily labor furnishes the supply of food and raiment, and all the necessaries and comforts of life, are receiving higher wages, and more steady and permanent employment, than in any other country, or at any previous period of our own history.

So successful have been all branches of our industry, that a foreign war, which generally diminishes the resources of a nation, has in no essential degree retarded our onward progress, or checked our general prosperity.

With such gratifying evidences of prosperity, and of the successful operation of the revenue act of 1846, every consideration of public policy recommends that it shall remain unchanged. It is hoped that the system of impost duties which it established may be regarded as the permanent policy of the country, and that the great interests affected by it may not again be subject to be injuriously disturbed, as they have heretofore been, by frequent and sometimes sudden changes.

For the purpose of increasing the revenue, and without changing or modifying the rates imposed by the act of 1846 on the dutiable articles embraced by its provisions, I again recommend to your favorable consideration the expediency of levying a revenue duty on tea and coffee. The policy which exempted these articles from duty during peace, and when the revenue to be derived from them was not needed, ceases to exist when the country is engaged in war, and requires the use of all of its available resources. It is a tax which would be so generally diffused among the people, that it would be felt oppressively by none, and be complained of none. It is believed that there are not, in the list of imported articles, any which are more properly the subject of war duties than tea and coffee.

It is estimated that three millions of dollars would be derived annually by a moderate duty imposed on these articles.

Should Congress avail itself of this additional source of revenue, not only would the amount of the public loan rendered necessary by the war with Mexico be diminished to that extent, but the public credit, and the public confidence in the ability and determination of the government to meet all its engagements promptly, would be more firmly established, and the reduced amount of the loan which it may be necessary to negotiate could probably be obtained at cheaper rates.

Congress is, therefore, called upon to determine whether it is wiser to impose the war duties recommended, or, by omitting to do so, increase the public debt annually three millions of dollars so long as loans shall be required to prosecute the war, and afterwards provide, in some other form, to pay the semi-annual interest upon it, and ultimately to extinguish the principal. If, in addition to these duties, Congress should graduate and reduce the price of such of the public lands as experience has proved will not com-

mand the price placed upon them by the government, an additional annual income to the treasury of between half a million and a million of dollars, it is estimated, would be derived from this source. Should both measures receive the sanction of Congress, the annual amount of public debt necessary to be contracted during the continuance of the war would be reduced near four millions of dollars. The duties recommended to be levied on tea and coffee it is proposed shall be limited in their duration to the end of the war, and until the public debt rendered necessary to be contracted by it shall be discharged. The amount of the public debt to be contracted should be limited to the lowest practicable sum, and should be extinguished as early after the conclusion of the war as the means of the treasury will permit.

With this view, it is recommended that, as soon as the war shall be over, all the surplus in the treasury, not needed for other indispensable objects, shall constitute a sinking fund, and be applied to the purchase of the funded debt, and that authority be conferred by law for that purpose.

The act of the sixth of August, 1846, "to establish a warehousing system," has been in operation more than a year, and has proved to be an important auxiliary to the tariff act of 1846, in augmenting the revenue and extending the commerce of the country. Whilst it has tended to enlarge commerce, it has been beneficial to our manufactures, by diminishing forced sales at auction of foreign goods at low prices, to raise the duties to be advanced on them, and by checking fluctuations in the market. The system, although sanctioned by the experience of other countries, was entirely new in the United States, and is susceptible of improvement in some of its provisions. The Secretary of the Treasury, upon whom was devolved large discretionary powers in carrying this measure into effect, has collected, and is now collating, the practical results of the system in other countries, where it has long been established, and will report at an early period of your session such further regulations suggested by the investigation as may render it still more effective and beneficial.

By the act to "provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, and disbursement of the public revenue," all banks were discontinued as fiscal agents of the government, and the paper currency issued by them was no longer permitted to be received in payment of public dues.

The constitutional treasury created by this act went into operation on the first of January last. Under the system established by it, the public moneys have been collected, safely kept, and disbursed by the direct agency of officers of the government in gold and silver; and transfers of large amounts have been made from points of collection to points of disbursement, without loss to the treasury, or injury or inconvenience to the trade of the country.

While the fiscal operations of the government have been conducted with regularity and ease under this system, it has had a salutary effect in checking and preventing an undue inflation of the paper currency issued by the banks which exist under State char-

ters. Requiring, as it does, all dues to the government to be paid in gold and silver, its effect is to restrain excessive issues of bank paper by the banks disproportioned to the specie in their vaults, for the reason that they are at all times liable to be called on by the holders of their notes for their redemption, in order to obtain specie for the payment of duties and other public dues. The banks, therefore, must keep their business within prudent limits, and be always in a condition to meet such calls, or run the hazard of being compelled to suspend specie payments, and be thereby discredited. The amount of specie imported into the United States during the last fiscal year was twenty-four million one hundred and twenty-one thousand two hundred and eighty-nine dollars; of which there was retained in the country twenty-two million two hundred and seventy-six thousand one hundred and seventy dollars. Had the former financial system prevailed, and the public moneys been placed on deposite in the banks, nearly the whole of this amount would have gone into their vaults, not to be thrown into circulation by them, but to be withheld from the hands of the people as a currency, and made the basis of new and enormous issues of bank paper. A large proportion of the specie imported has been paid into the treasury for public dues; and after having been, to a great extent, re-coined at the mint, has been paid out to the public creditors and gone into circulation as a currency among the people. The amount of gold and silver coin now in circulation in the country is larger than at any former period.

The financial system established by the constitutional treasury has been, thus far, eminently successful in its operations; and I recommend an adherence to all its essential provisions, and especially to that vital provision which wholly separates the government from all connexion with banks, and excludes bank paper from all revenue receipts.

In some of its details, not involving its general principles, the system is defective, and will require modification. These defects, and such amendments as are deemed important, were set forth in the last annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury. These amendments are again recommended to the early and favorable consideration of Congress.

During the past year, the coinage at the mint and its branches has exceeded twenty millions of dollars. This has consisted chiefly in converting the coins of foreign countries into American coin.

The largest amount of foreign coin imported has been received at New York; and if a branch mint were established at that city, all the foreign coin received at that port could at once be converted into our own coin, without the expense, risk, and delay of transporting it to the mint for that purpose, and the amount recoined would be much larger.

Experience has proved that foreign coin, and especially foreign gold coin, will not circulate extensively as a currency among the people. The important measure of extending our specie circulation, both of gold and silver, and of diffusing it among the people, can only be effected by converting such foreign coin into American

coin. I repeat the recommendation contained in my last annual message for the establishment of a branch of the mint of the United States at the city of New York.

All the public lands which had been surveyed and were ready for market have been proclaimed for sale during the past year. The quantity offered and to be offered for sale, under proclamations issued since the first of January last, amounts to nine million one hundred and thirty-eight thousand five hundred and thirty-one acres. The prosperity of the western States and Territories in which these lands lie will be advanced by their speedy sale. By withholding them from market, their growth and increase of population would be retarded, while thousands of our enterprising and meritorious frontier population would be deprived of the opportunity of securing freeholds for themselves and their families. But in addition to the general considerations which rendered the early sale of these lands proper, it was a leading object at this time to derive as large a sum as possible from this source, and thus diminish, by that amount, the public loan rendered necessary by the existence of a foreign war.

It is estimated that not less than ten millions of acres of the public lands will be surveyed and be in a condition to be proclaimed for sale during the year 1848.

In my last annual message I presented the reasons which, in my judgment, rendered it proper to graduate and reduce the price of such of the public lands as have remained unsold for long periods after they had been offered for sale at public auction.

Many millions of acres of public lands lying within the limits of several of the western States have been offered in the market, and been subject to sale at private entry for more than twenty years, and large quantities for more than thirty years, at the lowest price prescribed by the existing laws, and it has been found that they will not command that price. They must remain unsold and uncultivated for an indefinite period, unless the price demanded for them by the government shall be reduced. No satisfactory reason is perceived why they should be longer held at rates above their real value. At the present period an additional reason exists for adopting the measure recommended. When the country is engaged in a foreign war, and we must necessarily resort to loans, it would seem to be the dictate of wisdom that we should avail ourselves of all our resources, and thus limit the amount of the public indebtedness to the lowest possible sum.

I recommend that the existing laws on the subject of pre-emption rights be amended and modified so as to operate prospectively, and to embrace all who may settle upon the public lands and make improvements upon them before they are surveyed, as well as afterwards, in all cases where such settlements may be made after the Indian title shall have been extinguished.

If the right of pre-emption be thus extended, it will embrace a large and meritorious class of our citizens. It will increase the number of small freeholders upon our borders, who will be enabled thereby to educate their children and otherwise improve their con-

dition, while they will be found at all times, as they have ever proved themselves to be, in the hour of danger to their country, among our hardiest and best volunteer soldiers, ever ready to tender their services in cases of emergency, and among the last to leave the field as long as an enemy remains to be encountered. Such a policy will also impress these patriotic pioneer emigrants with deeper feelings of gratitude for the parental care of their government, when they find their dearest interests secured to them by the permanent laws of the land, and that they are no longer in danger of losing their homes and hard-earned improvements by being brought into competition with a more wealthy class of purchasers at the land sales.

The attention of Congress was invited, at their last and the preceding session, to the importance of establishing a Territorial government over our possessions in Oregon; and it is to be regretted that there was no legislation on the subject. Our citizens who inhabit that distant region of country are still left without the protection of our laws, or any regularly organized government. Before the question of limits and boundaries of the territory of Oregon was definitely settled, from the necessity of their condition, the inhabitants had established a temporary government of their own. Besides the want of legal authority for continuing such a government, it is wholly inadequate to protect them in their rights of person and property, or to secure to them the enjoyment of the privileges of other citizens, to which they are entitled under the constitution of the United States. They should have the right of suffrage, be represented in a Territorial legislature, and by a delegate in Congress; and possess all the rights and privileges which citizens of other portions of the Territories of the United States have heretofore enjoyed, or may now enjoy.

Our judicial system, revenue laws, laws regulating trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and the protection of our laws generally, should be extended over them.

In addition to the inhabitants in that territory who had previously emigrated to it, large numbers of our citizens have followed them during the present year; and it is not doubted that during the next and subsequent years their numbers will be greatly increased.

Congress, at its last session, established post-routes leading to Oregon, and between different points within that territory, and authorized the establishment of post offices at "Astoria and such other places on the coasts of the Pacific, within the territory of the United States, as the public interests may require." Post offices have accordingly been established, deputy postmasters appointed, and provision made for the transportation of the mails.

The preservation of peace with the Indian tribes residing west of the Rocky mountains will render it proper that authority should be given by law for the appointment of an adequate number of Indian agents to reside among them.

I recommend that a surveyor general's office be established in that territory, and that the public lands be surveyed and brought into market at an early period.

I recommend, also, that grants, upon liberal terms, of limited quantities of the public lands be made to all citizens of the United States who have emigrated, or may hereafter within a prescribed period emigrate, to Oregon, and settle upon them. These hardy and adventurous citizens, who have encountered the dangers and privations of a long and toilsome journey, and have at length found an abiding-place for themselves and their families upon the utmost verge of our western limits, should be secured in the homes which they have improved by their labor.

I refer you to the accompanying report of the Secretary of War for a detailed account of the operations of the various branches of the public service connected with the department under his charge. The duties devolving on this department have been unusually onerous and responsible during the past year, and have been discharged with ability and success.

Pacific relations continue to exist with the various Indian tribes, and most of them manifest a strong friendship for the United States. Some depredations were committed during the past year upon our trains transporting supplies for the army, on the road between the western border of Missouri and Santa Fe. These depredations, which are supposed to have been committed by bands from the region of New Mexico, have been arrested by the presence of a military force, ordered out for that purpose. Some outrages have been perpetrated by a portion of the northwestern bands upon the weaker and comparatively defenceless neighboring tribes. Prompt measures were taken to prevent such occurrences in future.

Between one and two thousand Indians, belonging to several tribes, have been removed during the past year, from the east of the Mississippi to the country allotted to them west of that river, as their permanent home; and arrangements have been made for others to follow.

Since the treaty of 1846 with the Cherokees, the feuds among them appear to have subsided, and they have become more united and contented than they have been for many years past. The commissioners, appointed in pursuance of the act of June 27th, 1846, to settle claims arising under the treaty of 1835-'36 with that tribe, have executed their duties; and after a patient investigation, and a full and fair examination of all the cases brought before them, closed their labors in the month of July last. This is the fourth board of commissioners which has been organized under this treaty. Ample opportunity has been afforded to all those interested to bring forward their claims. No doubt is entertained that impartial justice has been done by the late board, and that all valid claims embraced by the treaty have been considered and allowed. This result, and the final settlement to be made with this tribe, under the treaty of 1846, which will be completed and laid before you during your session, will adjust all questions of controversy between them and the United States, and produce a state of relations with them simple, well-defined, and satisfactory.

Under the discretionary authority conferred by the act of the third of March last, the annuities due to the various tribes have

been paid during the present year to the heads of families instead of to their chiefs, or such persons as they might designate, as required by the law previously existing. This mode of payment has given general satisfaction to the great body of the Indians. Justice has been done to them, and they are grateful to the government for it. A few chiefs and interested persons may object to this mode of payment, but it is believed to be the only mode of preventing fraud and imposition from being practised upon the great body of common Indians, constituting a majority of all the tribes.

It is gratifying to perceive that a number of the tribes have recently manifested an increased interest in the establishment of schools among them, and are making rapid advances in agriculture —some of them producing a sufficient quantity of food for their support, and in some cases a surplus to dispose of to their neighbors. The comforts by which those who have received even a very limited education, and have engaged in agriculture, are surrounded, tend gradually to draw off their less civilized brethren from the precarious means of subsistence by the chase, to habits of labor and civilization.

The accompanying report of the Secretary of the Navy presents a satisfactory and gratifying account of the condition and operations of the naval service during the past year. Our commerce has been pursued with increased activity, and with safety and success, in every quarter of the globe under the protection of our flag, which the navy has caused to be respected in the most distant seas.

In the Gulf of Mexico, and in the Pacific, the officers and men of our squadrons have displayed distinguished gallantry, and performed valuable services. In the early stages of the war with Mexico, her ports on both coasts were blockaded, and more recently many of them have been captured and held by the navy. When acting in co-operation with the land forces, the naval officers and men have performed gallant and distinguished services on land as well as on water, and deserve the high commendation of the country.

While other maritime powers are adding to their navies large numbers of war steamers, it was a wise policy on our part to make similar additions to our navy. The four war steamers authorized by the act of the third of March, 1847, are in course of construction.

In addition to the four war steamers authorized by this act, the Secretary of the Navy has, in pursuance of its provisions, entered into contracts for the construction of five steamers, to be employed in the transportation of the United States mail "from New York to New Orleans, touching at Charleston, Savannah and Havana, and from Havana to Chagres;" for three steamers to be employed in like manner from Panama to Oregon, "so as to connect with the mail from Havana to Chagres across the isthmus;" and for five steamers to be employed in like manner from New York to Liverpool. These steamers will be the property of the contractors, but are to be built "under the superintendence and direction of a naval constructor in the employ of the Navy Department, and to be so

constructed as to render them convertible, at the least possible expense, into war steamers of the first class."

A prescribed number of naval officers, as well as a post office agent, are to be on board of them; and authority is reserved to the Navy Department at all times to "exercise control over said steamships," and "to have the right to take them for the exclusive use and service of the United States upon making proper compensation to the contractors therefor."

Whilst these steam-ships will be employed in transporting the mails of the United States coastwise, and to foreign countries, upon an annual compensation to be paid to the owners, they will be always ready, upon an emergency requiring it, to be converted into war steamers; and the right reserved to take them for public use will add greatly to the efficiency and strength of this description of our naval force. To the steamers thus authorized under contracts made by the Secretary of the Navy, should be added five other steamers authorized under contracts made in pursuance of law by the Postmaster General; making an addition, in the whole, of eighteen war steamers, subject to be taken for public use. As further contracts for the transportation of the mail to foreign countries may be authorized by Congress, this number may be enlarged indefinitely.

The enlightened policy by which a rapid communication with the various distant parts of the globe is established, by means of American-built sea steamers, would find an ample reward in the increase of our commerce, and in making our country and its resources more favorably known abroad; but the national advantage is still greater—of having our naval officers made familiar with steam navigation, and of having the privilege of taking the ships already equipped for immediate service at a moment's notice; and will be cheaply purchased by the compensation to be paid for the transportation of the mail in them, over and above the postages received.

A just national pride, no less than our commercial interests, would seem to favor the policy of augmenting the number of this description of vessels. They can be built in our country cheaper and in greater numbers than in any other in the world.

I refer you to the accompanying report of the Postmaster General for a detailed and satisfactory account of the condition and operations of that department during the past year. It is gratifying to find that, within so short a period after the reduction in the rates of postage, and notwithstanding the great increase of mail service, the revenue received for the year will be sufficient to defray all the expenses, and that no further aid will be required from the treasury for that purpose.

The first of the American mail steamers authorized by the act of the third of March, 1845, was completed and entered upon the service on the first of June last, and is now on her third voyage to Bremen and other intermediate ports. The other vessels authorized under the provisions of that act are in course of construction, and will be put upon the line as soon as completed. Contracts

have also been made for the transportation of the mail in a steamer from Charleston to Havana.

A reciprocal and satisfactory postal arrangement has been made by the Postmaster General with the authorities of Bremen, and no difficulty is apprehended in making similar arrangements with all other powers with which we may have communications by mail steamers, except with Great Britain.

On the arrival of the first of the American steamers, bound to Bremen, at Southampton, in the month of June last, the British post office directed the collection of discriminating postages on all letters and other mailable matter, which she took out to Great Britain, or which went into the British post office on their way to France and other parts of Europe. The effect of the order of the British post office is to subject all letters and other matter transported by American steamers to double postage, one postage having been previously paid on them to the United States, while letters transported in British steamers are subject to pay but a single postage. This measure was adopted with the avowed object of protecting the British line of mail steamers now running between Boston and Liverpool, and, if permitted to continue, must speedily put an end to the transportation of all letters and other matter by American steamers, and give to British steamers a monopoly of the business. A just and fair reciprocity is all that we desire, and on this we must insist. By our laws, no such discrimination is made against British steamers bringing letters into our ports, but all letters arriving in the United States are subject to the same rate of postage, whether brought in British or American vessels. I refer you to the report of the Postmaster General for a full statement of the facts of the case, and of the steps taken by him to correct this inequality. He has exerted all the power conferred upon him by the existing laws.

The minister of the United States at London has brought the subject to the attention of the British government, and is now engaged in negotiations for the purpose of adjusting reciprocal postal arrangements, which shall be equally just to both countries. Should he fail in concluding such arrangements, and should Great Britain insist on enforcing the unequal and unjust measure she has adopted, it will become necessary to confer additional powers on the Postmaster General, in order to enable him to meet the emergency, and to put our own steamers on an equal footing with British steamers engaged in transporting the mails between the two countries; and I recommend that such powers be conferred.

In view of the existing state of our country, I trust it may not be inappropriate, in closing this communication, to call to mind the words of wisdom and admonition of the first and most illustrious of my predecessors, in his farewell address to his countrymen.

That greatest and best of men, who served his country so long, and loved it so much, foresaw, with "serious concern," the danger to our Union "of characterizing parties by geographical discriminations—*northern* and *southern*, *Atlantic* and *western*—whence

designing men may endeavor to excite a belief that there is a real difference of local interests and views," and warned his countrymen against it.

So deep and solemn was his conviction of the importance of the Union and of preserving harmony between its different parts, that he declared to his countrymen in that address, "it is of infinite moment that you should properly estimate the immense value of your national Union to your collective and individual happiness; that you should cherish a cordial, habitual, and immovable attachment to it; accustoming yourselves to think and to speak of it as a palladium of your political safety and prosperity; watching for its preservation with jealous anxiety; discountenancing whatever may suggest even a suspicion that it can in any event be abandoned; and indignantly frowning upon the first dawning of every attempt to alienate any portion of our country from the rest, or to enfeeble the sacred ties which now link together the various parts."

After the lapse of half a century, these admonitions of Washington fall upon us with all the force of truth. It *is* difficult to estimate the "immense value" of our glorious Union of confederated States, to which we are so much indebted for our growth in population and wealth, and for all that constitutes us a great and a happy nation. How unimportant are all our differences of opinion upon minor questions of public policy, compared with its preservation; and how scrupulously should we avoid all agitating topics which may tend to distract and divide us into contending parties, separated by geographical lines, whereby it may be weakened or endangered.

Invoking the blessing of the Almighty Ruler of the Universe upon your deliberations, it will be my highest duty, no less than my sincere pleasure, to co-operate with you in all measures which may tend to promote the honor and enduring welfare of our common country.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *December* 7, 1847.

The said communication having been read,

Mr. Broadhead offered the following resolution; which was modified, and read, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the message of the President be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and that fifteen thousand copies thereof, with the accompanying documents, be printed for the use of this House.

Mr. Robert Smith moved to amend the said resolution, by inserting at the end thereof, "*five thousand copies in the German language:*" which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. James Thompson moved to amend the said resolution, by inserting after the word "documents," the following: "and ten thousand copies without the accompanying documents:" which motion was disagreed to.

And the question was then put, Will the House agree to the resolution offered by Mr. Broadhead?

And decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Hilliard,

*Resolved*, That the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned be 12 o'clock, meridian, until otherwise ordered.

Mr. Henly moved that the vote on agreeing to the resolution adopting the rules and orders, yesterday, and appointing a committee to revise the same, be reconsidered.

Mr. Clingman moved that the said motion be laid upon the table.

And, pending the question on the motion made by Mr. Clingman,

On motion of Mr. Jacob Thompson, the House, at twenty-two minutes past 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, m.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1847.

The Speaker announced, as the business first in order, the consideration of the motion, made yesterday by Mr. Henly, to reconsider the vote on the resolution of Monday last adopting the rules and orders, and appointing a committee to revise the same.

The question being on the motion made by Mr. Clingman, that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, which motion was pending when the House adjourned yesterday.

Thereupon,

Mr. Clingman withdrew his said motion; and,

By the unanimous consent of the House, the further consideration of the said motion of Mr. Henly was postponed for the present.

The House then resumed the consideration of the resolution, offered yesterday by Mr. Evans, of Maryland, providing for the drawing of the names of the members of the House for the selection of their seats.

The said resolution was again read: when

Mr. Sims moved to amend the same, by striking out the word "session," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Congress:" which motion was disagreed to.

The question recurred on agreeing to the resolution: when

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the further consideration of the said resolution be postponed indefinitely: which motion was disagreed to.

The question again recurred on agreeing to the resolution: when

Mr. Stanton moved to amend the same, by striking out the word "*box*," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "*wheel*:" which motion was disagreed to.

The question again recurred on agreeing to the resolution: when

Mr. Pettit moved to postpone the further consideration of the said resolution until 2 o'clock this day: which motion was disagreed to; and

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the said resolution as offered by Mr. Evans?

And it was determined in the affirmative.

And thereupon,

The Clerk, under the direction of the Speaker, and in presence of the House, proceeded to the execution of the said order, by

placing in a box the name of each member and delegate upon a separate piece of paper, and drawing them out, one at a time, until all the names were drawn—each member present choosing his seat when his name was announced.

The order having been executed,

On motion by Mr. Jamieson,

*Resolved*, That this House do now proceed to the election of a Sergeant-at-arms, *viva voce*.

And thereupon,

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution, the House proceeded, *viva voce*, to the election of a Sergeant-at-arms; and the following members voted for NATHAN SERGEANT:

Amos Abbott, John Quincy Adams, Green Adams, George Ashmun, Daniel M. Barringer, Washington Barrow, Hiram Belcher, John Blanchard, John M. Botts, Nathaniel Boydon, Jasper E. Brady, Aylett Buckner, Chester Butler, E. Carrington Cabell, Richard S. Canby, John G. Chapman, Thomas L. Clingman, William M. Cocke, Jacob Collamer, Harmon S. Conger, Robert B. Cranston, John W. Crisfield, John Crowell, John H. Crozier, John Dickey, James Dixon, Richard S. Donnell, William Duer, Daniel Duncan, Garnett Duncan, George G. Dunn, George N. Eckert, Thomas O. Edwards, Elisha Embree, Alexander Evans, Nathan Evans, John W. Farrelly, David Fisher, Thomas S. Flournoy, John Freedley, Andrew S. Fulton, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, Joshua R. Giddings, William L. Goggin, Daniel Gott, Dudley S. Gregory, Joseph Grinnell, Artemas Hale, Nathan K. Hall, James G. Hampton, Moses Hampton, William T. Haskell, William Henry, Henry W. Hilliard, Elias B. Holmes, John W. Hornbeck, John W. Houston, Samuel D. Hubbard, Charles Hudson, Washington Hunt, Joseph R. Ingersoll, Alexander Irvin, John W. Jones, Orlando Kellogg, Thomas Butler King, Daniel P. King, William T. Lawrence, Lewis C. Levin, Abraham Lincoln, Abraham R. McIlvaine, George P. Marsh, Dudley Marvin, Charles S. Morehead, Joseph Mullin, William Nelson, Henry Nes, William A. Newall, David Outlaw, John G. Palfrey, John S. Pendleton, James Pollock, William B. Preston, Harvey Putnam, Gideon Reynolds, Julius Rockwell, John A. Rockwell, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, Joseph M. Root, David Rumsey, jr., Daniel B. St. John, Robert C. Schenck, Augustine H. Shepherd, Eliakim Sherrill, John I. Slingerland, Caleb B. Smith, Truman Smith, Alexander H. Stephens, Andrew Stewart, John Strohm, Peter H. Sylvester, Frederick A. Tallmadge, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, John L. Taylor, Patrick W. Tompkins, Richard W. Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert Toombs, Amos Tuck, John Van Dyke, Samuel F. Vinton, Cornelius Warren, Hugh White, James Wilson, and Robert C. Winthrop.

The following members voted for NEWTON LANE:

Archibald Atkinson, Thomas H. Bayly, Richard T. L. Beale, Henry Bedinger, James A. Black, Thomas S. Bocock, Franklin W. Bowdon, James B. Bowlin, Linn Boyd, Richard Brodhead, William G. Brown, Charles Brown, Armistead Burt, Charles W. Cathcart, Lucien B. Chase, Asa W. H. Clapp, Franklin Clark, Beverly L.

Clark, Howell Cobb, Williamson R. W. Cobb, John D. Cummins, John R. J. Daniel, Rudolphus Dickinson, Joseph E. Edsall, James J. Faran, Winfield S. Featherston, Orlando B. Ficklin, George Fries, Richard French, James S. Green, Willard P. Hall, David Hammons, Hugh A. Haralson, John H. Harmanson, Samson W. Harris, Thomas J. Henly, Hugh L. W. Hill, Isaac E. Holmes, George S. Houston, Samuel W. Inge, Charles J. Ingersoll, Alfred Iverson, David S. Jackson, John Jamieson, Andrew Johnson, Robert W. Johnson, George W. Jones, David S. Kaufman, William Kennon, jr., Samuel Lahm, Emile La Sère, Sidney Lawrence, Shepherd Leffler, Thomas W. Ligon, Frederick W. Lord, John H. Lumpkin, John A. McClernand, James McDowell, James J. McKay, Job Mann, Richard K. Meade, John K. Miller, Jonathan D. Morris, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, Charles H. Peaslee, Lucius B. Peck, George Petrie, John Pettit, Samuel O. Peyton, John S. Phelps, R. Barnwell Rhett, William A. Richardson, Thomas Richey, John L. Robinson, William Rockhill, William Sawyer, Richard F. Simpson, Alexander D. Sims, Ephraim K. Smart, Robert Smith, William Strong, James H. Thomas, James Thompson, Jacob Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, William Thompson, Benjamin B. Thurston, Thomas J. Turner, Abraham W. Venable, John Wentworth, William W. Wick, Hezekiah Williams, James S. Wiley, David Wilmot, Joseph A. Woodward.

Kingsley S. Bingham, Ausburn Birdsall, William Collins, Timothy Jenkins, James H. Johnson, William B. Maclay, Robert McClelland, Robert M. McLane, Henry Nicoll, Frederick P. Stanton, George A. Starkweather, and Charles E. Stuart, voted for CORNELIUS S. WHITNEY.

*Recapitulation of the vote for Sergeant-at-arms.*

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| For Nathan Sergeant | 116 |
| For Newton Lane | 96 |
| For Cornelius S. Whitney | 12 |
| Whole number of votes | 224 |
| Necessary to a choice | 113 |

NATHAN SERGEANT, having received a majority of the whole number of votes given in, was declared duly elected Sergeant-at-arms of the House for the 30th Congress.

And thereupon,

The said NATHAN SERGEANT appeared; and the oath of office, as prescribed by the rules of this House, was administered to him by the Speaker; and he entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones:" in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Caleb B. Smith,

*Resolved*, That the House do now proceed to the election of a Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives for the thirtieth Congress: and

In pursuance of the said resolution, the House proceeded *viva voce* to the election of a Doorkeeper; and the following members voted for ROBERT E. HORNER:

Amos Abbott, John Quincy Adams, Green Adams, George Ashmun, Daniel M. Barringer, Washington Barrow, Hiram Belcher, John Blanchard, John M. Botts, Nathaniel Boydon, Jasper E. Brady, Aylett Buckner, Chester Butler, E. Carrington Cabell, Richard S. Canby, John G. Chapman, Thomas L. Clingman, William M. Cocke, Jacob Collamer, Harmon S. Conger, Robert B. Cranston, John W. Crisfield, John Crowell, John H. Crozier, John Dickey, James Dixon, Richard S. Donnell, William Duer, Daniel Duncan, Garnett Duncan, George G. Dunn, George N. Eckert, Thomas O. Edwards, Elisha Embree, Alexander Evans, Nathan Evans, John W. Farrelly, David Fisher, Thomas S. Flournoy, John W. Freedley, Andrew S. Fulton, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, Joshua R. Giddings, William L. Goggin, Daniel Gott, Dudley S. Gregory, Joseph Grinnell, Artemas Hale, Nathan K. Hall, James G. Hampton, Moses Hampton, William P. Haskill, William Henry, Henry W. Hilliard, Elias B. Holmes, John W. Hornbeck, John W. Houston, Samuel D. Hubbard, Charles Hudson, Washington Hunt, Joseph R. Ingersoll, Alexander Irvin, John W. Jones, Orlando Kellogg, Thomas Butler King, Daniel P. King, William T. Lawrence, Lewis C. Levin, Abraham Lincoln, Abraham R. McIlvaine, George P. Marsh, Dudley Marvin, Charles S. Morehead, Joseph Mullin, William Nelson, Henry Nes, William A Newall, David Outlaw, John G. Palfrey, John S. Pendleton, John Pettit, James Pollock, William B. Preston, Harvey Putnam, Gideon Reynolds, Julius Rockwell, John A. Rockwell, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, Joseph M. Root, David Rumsey, jr., Daniel B. St. John, Robert C. Schenck, Augustine H. Shepherd, Eliakim Sherrill, John I. Slingerland, Caleb B. Smith, Truman Smith, Alexander H. Stephens, Andrew Stewart, John Strohm, Peter H. Sylvester, Frederick A. Tallmadge, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, John L. Taylor, Patrick W. Tompkins, Richard W. Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert Tombs, Amos Tuck, John Van Dyke, Samuel F. Vinton, Cornelius Warren, Hugh White, James Wilson, Robert C. Winthrop.

The following members voted for CORNELIUS S. WHITNEY:

Archibald Atkinson, Thomas H. Bayly, Richard L. T. Beale, Henry Bedinger, Kingsley S. Bingham, Ausburn Birdsall, James A. Black, Thomas S. Bocock, Franklin W. Bowdon, James B. Bowlin, Linn Boyd, Richard Brodhead, William G. Brown, Charles Brown, Armistead Burt, Charles W. Cathcart, Lucien B. Chase, Asa W. H. Clapp, Franklin Clark, Beverly L. Clark, Howell Cobb, Williamson R. W. Cobb, William Collins, John D. Cummins, John R. J. Daniel, Rudolphus Dickinson, Joseph E. Edsall, James J. Faran, Winfield S. Featherston, Orlando B. Ficklin, George Fries, Rich-

ard French, James S. Green, Willard P. Hall, David Hammons, Hugh A. Haralson, John H. Harmanson, Samson W. Harris, Thomas J. Henley, Hugh L. W. Hill, Isaac E. Holmes, George S. Houston, Samuel W. Inge, Charles J. Ingersoll, Alfred Iverson, David S. Jackson, John Jamieson, Timothy Jenkins, Andrew Johnson, James H. Johnson, Robert W. Johnson, George W. Jones, David S. Kaufman, William Kennon, jr., Samuel Lahm, Emile La Sère, Sidney Lawrence, Shepherd Leffler, Thomas W. Ligon, Frederick W. Lord, John H. Lumpkin, William B. Macklay, Robert McClelland, John A. McClernand, James McDowell, James J. McKay, Robert M. McLane, Job Mann, Richard K. Meade, John K. Miller, Jonathan D. Morris, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, Henry Nicoll, Charles H. Peaslee, Lucius B. Peck, George Petrie, Samuel O. Peyton, John S. Phelps, R. Barnwell Rhett, William A. Richardson, Thomas Richey, John L. Robinson, William Rockhill, William Sawyer, Richard F. Simpson, Alexander D. Sims, Ephraim K. Smart, Robert Smith, Frederick P. Stanton, George A. Starkweather, Charles E. Steuart, William Strong, James H. Thomas, James Thompson, Jacob Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, William Thompson, Benjamin B. Thurston, Thomas J. Turner, Abraham W. Venable, John Wentworth, William W. Wick, Hezekiah Williams, James S. Wiley, David Wilmot, Joseph A. Woodward.

*Recapitulation of the vote for Doorkeeper.*

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| For Robert E. Horner | 117 |
| For Cornelius S. Whitney | 107 |
| Whole number of votes | 224 |
| Necessary to a choice | 113 |

And thereupon,

The said ROBERT E. HORNER appeared, and the oath of office, as prescribed by the rules of this House, was administered to him by the Speaker; and he entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. Elias B. Holmes,

*Resolved*, That the House do now proceed to the election of a Postmaster of the House of Representatives of the United States for the 30th Congress; and,

In pursuance of the said resolution, the House proceeded to the election of a Postmaster; and the vote being taken *viva voce*, the following members voted for WILLIAM J. MCCORMICK:

Amos Abbott, John Quincy Adams, Green Adams, George Ashmun, Daniel M. Barringer, Washington Barrow, Hiram Belcher, John Blanchard, John M. Botts, Nathaniel Boydon, Jasper E. Brady, Aylett Buckner, Chester Butler, E. Carrington Cabell, Richard S. Canby, John G. Chapman, Thomas L. Clingman, William M. Cocke, Jacob Collamer, Harmon S. Conger, Robert B. Cranston, John W. Crisfield, John Crowell, John H. Crozier, John Dickey,

James Dixon, Richard S. Donnell, William Duer, Daniel Duncan, George G. Dunn, George N. Eckert, Thomas O. Edwards, Elisha Embree, Alexander Evans, Nathan Evans, John W. Farrelly, David Fisher, Thomas S. Flournoy, John Freedley, Andrew S. Fulton, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, Joshua R. Giddings, William L. Goggin, Daniel Gott, Dudley S. Gregory, Joseph Grinnell, Artemas Hale, Nathan K. Hall, James G. Hampton, Moses Hampton, William T. Haskill, William Henry, Henry W. Hilliard, Isaac E. Holmes, Elias B. Holmes, John W. Hornbeck, Samuel D. Hubbard, Charles Hudson, Washington Hunt, Joseph R. Ingersoll, Alexander Irvin, John W. Jones, Orlando Kellogg, Thomas Butler King, Daniel P. King, William T. Lawrence, Abraham Lincoln, Abraham R. McIlvaine, George P. Marsh, Dudley Marvin, Charles S. Morehead, Joseph Mullin, William Nelson, Henry Nes, William A. Newall, David Outlaw, William B. Preston, Harvey Putnam, Gideon Reynolds, Julius Rockwell, John A. Rockwell, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, Joseph M. Root, David Rumsey, jr., Daniel B. St. John, Robert C. Schenck, Augustine H. Shepperd, Eliakim Sherrill, John I. Slingerland, Caleb B. Smith, Truman Smith, Alexander H. Stephens, Andrew Stewart, John Strohm, Peter H. Silvester, Frederick A. Tallmadge, John L. Taylor, Patrick W. Tompkins, Richard W. Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert Toombs, Amos Tuck, John Van Dyke, Samuel F. Vinton, Cornelius Warren, Hugh White, James Wilson, and R. C. Winthrop.

The following members voted for JOHN M. JOHNSON:

Archibald Atkinson, Thomas H. Bayly, Richard L. T. Beale, Henry Bedinger, Kingsley S. Bingham, Ausburn Birdsall, James A. Black, Thomas S. Bocock, Franklin W. Bowdon, James B. Bowlin, Linn Boyd, Richard Brodhead, William G. Brown, Charles Brown, Armistead Burt, Charles W. Cathcart, Lucien B. Chase, Asa W. H. Clapp, Franklin Clark, Beverly L. Clark, Howell Cobb, Williamson R. W. Cobb, William Collins, John D. Cummins, John R. J. Daniel, Rudolphus Dickinson, Joseph E. Edsall, James J. Faran, Winfield S. Featherston, Orlando B. Ficklin, George Fries, Richard French, James S. Green, Willard P. Hall, David Hammons, Hugh A. Haralson, John H. Harmanson, Samson W. Harris, Thomas J. Henley, Hugh L. W. Hill, George S. Houston, John W. Houston, Samuel W. Inge, Charles J. Ingersoll, Alfred Iverson, David S. Jackson, John Jamieson, Timothy Jenkins, Andrew Johnson, James H. Johnson, Robert W. Johnson, George W. Jones, David S. Kaufman, William Kennon, jr., Samuel Lahm, Émile La Sère, Sidney Lawrence, Shepherd Leffler, Lewis C. Levin, Thomas W. Ligon, Frederick W. Lord, John H. Lumpkin, William B. Maclay, Robert McClelland, John A. McClernand, James McDowell, James J. McKay, Robert M. McLane, Job Mann, Richard K. Meade, John K. Miller, Jonathan D. Morris, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, Henry Nicoll, John G. Palfrey, Charles H. Peaslee, Lucius B. Peck, George Petrie, John Pettit, Samuel O. Peyton, John S. Phelps, R. Barnwell Rhett, William A. Richardson, Thomas Richey, John L. Robinson, William Rockhill, William Sawyer, Richard F. Simpson, Alexander D. Sims, Ephraim K. Smart, Robert Smith, Fred-

erick P. Stanton, George A. Starkweather, Charles E. Stuart, William Strong, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, James H. Thomas, James Thompson, Jacob Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, William Thompson, Benjamin B. Thruston, Thomas J. Turner, Abraham W. Venable, John Wentworth, William W. Wick, Hezekiah Williams, James S. Wiley, David Wilmot, and Joseph A. Woodward.

*Recapitulation of the vote for Postmaster.*

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| For William J. McCormick | 110 |
| For John Mr. Johnson | 111 |
| Whole number of votes | 221 |
| Necessary to a choice | 111 |

JOHN M. JOHNSON, having received a majority of the whole number of votes given in, was declared duly elected Postmaster to the House for the 30th Congress.

Mr. White gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce an amendment to the rules of the House providing for the appointment of a committee upon the Smithsonian Institution.

Mr. Pettit moved, at 4 o'clock and five minutes, that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Collamer offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, (*the Senate concurring*,) That a joint committee of three members of each House be appointed to direct and superintend the expenditure of all moneys appropriated for the purchase of books for the Library of Congress, and all such other matters pertaining to the said Library not otherwise provided for by law.

The said resolution was read;

And pending the question upon the same,

On motion of Mr. Haralson, the House, at 4 o'clock and seven minutes, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1847.

Another member, viz., Timothy Pillsbury, from the State of Texas, appeared, was sworn to support the Constitution of the United States, and took a seat in the House.

By unanimous consent of the House, Mr. Jamieson moved that when the House adjourns to-day, it adjourn to meet on Monday next.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Collamer, and pending when the House adjourned, providing for the appointment of a Joint Committee on the Library of Congress.

The said resolution was again read, and the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

By unanimous consent of the House, Mr. Brodhead gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to repeal so much of the thirteenth section of the act entitled "An act to establish certain post routes, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1847, as authorizes a charge of postage on newspapers conveyed in the mail, within thirty miles from the city, town, or other place, in which the paper is, or may be, printed.

Mr. Pollock offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, (*the Senate concurring*,) That two chaplains to Congress, of different denominations, be elected, one by each House, to officiate during the present session, and that they interchange weekly.

The said resolution was read; and, after debate,

Mr. Pettit moved to amend the same; by striking out the words "of different denominations," and adding at the end thereof the following: "Provided such chaplains shall be paid by the members of the respective houses, and the United States shall not be liable for their salaries, or any part thereof."

A division of the question being called for,

The question was put, Will the House agree to that part of the said amendment which is as follows—strike out the words "*of different denominations*"?

And decided in the negative.

The question was then put on agreeing to the remainder of said amendment,

And decided in the negative.

Mr. Pettit moved, at 12 o'clock and 28 minutes, that the House adjourn: which motion was disagreed to; and

The said resolution, as offered by Mr. Pollock, was then agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

Mr. Henley offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the standing committees of the House for the present session be now appointed.

And thereupon, a Committee of Elections was appointed, consisting of Mr. Richard W. Thompson, of Indiana; Mr. Joseph Mullin, of New York; Mr. Lucien B. Chase, of Tennessee; Mr. Nathaniel Boyden, of North Carolina; Mr. Timothy Jenkins, of New York; Mr. John Van Dyke, of New Jersey; Mr. Samuel W. Inge, of Alabama; Mr. J. Dixon Roman, of Maryland; and Mr. Hezekiah Williams, of Maine.

A Committee of Ways and Means was appointed, consisting of Mr. Samuel F. Vinton, of Ohio; Mr. Robert Toombs, of Georgia; Mr. James J. McKay, of North Carolina; Mr. Charles Hudson, of Massachusetts; Mr. George S. Houston, of Alabama; Mr. Charles S. Morehead, of Kentucky; Mr. James Pollock, of Pennsylvania;

Mr. Samuel D. Hubbard, of Connecticut; and Mr. Henry Nicoll, of New York.

A Committee of Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. John A. Rockwell, of Connecticut; Mr. John Crowell, of Ohio; Mr. John R. J. Daniel, of North Carolina; Mr. William Nelson, of New York; Mr. David Wilmot, of Pennsylvania; Mr. George G. Dunn, of Indiana; Mr. Thomas W. Ligon, of Maryland; Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy, of Virginia; and Mr. James H. Thomas, of Tennessee.

A Committee on Commerce was appointed, consisting of Mr. Washington Hunt, of New York; Mr. Joseph Grinnell, of Massachusetts; Mr. R. F. Simpson, of South Carolina; Mr. Moses Hampton, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Bannon G. Thibodeaux, of Louisiana; Mr. John Wentworth, of Illinois; Mr. Dudley S. Gregory, of New Jersey; Mr. Archibald Atkinson, of Virginia; and Mr. Kingsley S. Bingham, of Michigan.

A Committee on Public Lands was appointed, consisting of Mr. Jacob Collamer, of Vermont; Mr. Alexander H. Stephens, of Georgia; Mr. J. A. McClernand, of Illinois; Mr. Garnett Duncan, of Kentucky; Mr. Richard Brodhead, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Harvey Putnam, of New York; Mr. John Jamieson, of Missouri; Mr. Alexander Evans, of Maryland; and Mr. W. R. W. Cobb, of Alabama.

A Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads was appointed, consisting of Mr. William L. Goggin, of Virginia; Mr. Joseph M. Root, of Ohio; Mr. Charles Brown, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Daniel B. St. John, of New York; Mr. John S. Phelps, of Missouri; Mr. Elisha Embree, of Indiana; Mr. George W. Jones, of Tennessee; Mr. Abraham Lincoln, of Illinois; and Mr. David S. Kaufman, of Texas.

A Committee for the District of Columbia was appointed, consisting of Mr. John G. Chapman, of Maryland; Mr. Frederick A. Tallmadge, of New York; Mr. James McDowell, of Virginia; Mr. Washington Barrow, of Tennessee; Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin, of Illinois; Mr. William Henry, of Vermont; Mr. Alexander D. Sims, of South Carolina; Mr. Thomas O. Edwards, of Ohio; and Mr. Benjamin B. Thurston, of Rhode Island.

A Committee on the Judiciary was appointed, consisting of Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, of Pennsylvania; Mr. George Ashmun, of Massachusetts; Mr. John Pettit, of Indiana; Mr. Nathan K. Hall, of New York; Mr. John H. Lumpkin, of Georgia; Mr. James Dixon, of Connecticut; Mr. Richard French, of Kentucky; Mr. John L. Taylor, of Ohio; and Mr. Richard K. Meade, of Virginia.

A Committee on Revolutionary Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Daniel P. King, of Massachusetts; Mr. Chester Butler, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Franklin W. Bowdon, of Alabama; Mr. Robert L. Rose, of New York; Mr. Alfred Iverson, of Georgia; Mr. David Outlaw, of North Carolina; Mr. Jonathan D. Morris, of Ohio; Mr. William A. Newell, of New Jersey; and Mr. Ephraim K. Smart, of Maine.

A Committee on Public Expenditures was appointed, consisting of Mr. Thomas L. Clingman, of North Carolina; Mr. John Strohm, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Henry Bedinger, of Virginia; Mr. Artemas

Hale, of Massachusetts; Mr. Willard P. Hall, of Missouri; Mr. John W. Jones, of Georgia; Mr. Emile La Sère, of Louisiana; Mr. Franklin Clarke, of Maine; and Mr. Harmon S. Conger, of New York.

A Committee on Private Land Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. John Gayle, of Alabama; Mr. Jasper E. Brady, of Pennsylvania; Mr. James B. Bowlin, of Missouri; Mr. William W. Wick, of Indiana; Mr. David Rumsey, jr., of New York; Mr. John H. Harmanson, of Louisiana; Mr. Patrick W. Tompkins, of Mississippi; Mr. Richard S. Canby, of Ohio; and Mr. Andrew Johnson, of Tennessee.

A Committee on Manufactures was appointed, consisting of Mr. Andrew Stewart, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Amos Abbott, of Massachusetts; Mr. Joseph A. Woodward, of South Carolina; Mr. John W. Houston, of Delaware; Mr. Joseph E. Edsall, of New Jersey; Mr. Eliakim Sherrill, of New York; Mr. William G. Brown, of Virginia; Mr. John W. Crisfield, of Maryland; and Mr. James H. Johnson, of New Hampshire.

A Committee on Agriculture was appointed, consisting of Mr. Hugh White, of New York; Mr. A. H. Shepperd, of North Carolina; Mr. William Sawyer, of Ohio; Mr. John G. Palfrey, of Massachusetts; Mr. Samson W. Harris, of Alabama; Mr. William Rockhill, of Indiana; Mr. Hiram Belcher, of Maine; Mr. William Thompson, of Iowa; and Mr. John I. Slingerland, of New York.

A Committee on Indian Affairs was appointed, consisting of Mr. Meredith P. Gentry, of Tennessee; Mr. Daniel M. Barringer, of North Garolina; Mr. Jacob Thompson, of Missis ippi; Mr. Abraham R. McIlvaine, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Charles W. Cathcart, of Indiana; Mr. Joshua R. Giddings, of Ohio; Mr. Lucius B. Peck, of Vermont; Mr. Aylett Buckner, of Kentucky; and Mr. Robert W. Johnson, of Arkansas.

A Committee on Military Affairs was appointed, consisting of Mr. John M. Botts, of Virginia; Mr. Armistead Burt, of South Carolina; Mr. James Wilson, of New Hampshire; Mr. Hugh A. Haralson, of Georgia; Mr. John Dickey, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Linn Boyd, of Kentucky; Mr. Dudley Marvin, of New York; Mr. William T. Haskell, of Tennessee; and Mr. David Fisher, of Ohio.

A Committee on the Militia was appointed, consisting of Mr. John B. Thompson, of Kentucky; Mr. James A. Black, of South Carolina; Mr. John Blanchard, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Robert M. McLane, of Maryland; Mr. John M. Holley, of New York; Mr. Charles H. Peaslee, of New Hampshire; Mr. R. L. T. Beale, of Virginia; Mr. W. S. Featherston, of Mississippi; and Mr. Rudolphus Dickinson of Ohio.

A Committee on Naval Affairs was appointed, consisting of Mr. Thomas Butler King, of Georgia; Mr. Isaac E. Holmes, of South Carolina; Mr. Robert C. Schenck, of Ohio; Mr. Hugh White, of New York; Mr. Thomas H. Bayly, of Virginia; Mr. Lewis C. Levin, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Frederick P. Stanton, of Tennessee; Mr. E. Carrington Cabell, of Florida; and Mr. Amos Tuck, of New Hampshire.

A Committee on Foreign Affairs was appointed, consisting of Mr.

Truman Smith, of Connecticut; Mr. Henry W. Hilliard, of Alabama; Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, of Pennsylvania; Mr. George P. Marsh, of Vermont; Mr. R. Barnwell Rhett, of South Carolina; Mr. John S. Pendleton, of Virginia; Mr. William Duer, of New York; Mr. Robert McClelland, of Michigan; and Mr. Daniel Duncan, of Ohio.

A Committee on the Territories was appointed, consisting of Mr. Caleb B. Smith, of Indiana; Mr. Robert B. Cranston, of Rhode Island; Mr. Howell Cobb, of Georgia; Mr. Julius Rockwell, of Massachusetts; Mr. James Thompson, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Daniel Gott, of New York; Mr. Isaac E. Morse, of Louisiana; Mr. Nathan Evans, of Ohio; and Mr. Timothy Pillsbury, of Texas.

A Committee on Revolutionary Pensions was appointed, consisting of Mr. William M. Cocke, of Tennessee; Mr. Peter H. Silvester, of New York; Mr. John D. Cummins, of Ohio; Mr. John Freedley, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Thomas S. Bocock, of Virginia; Mr. Richard S. Donnell, of North Carolina; Mr. David Hammons, of Maine; Mr. William Strong, of Pennsylvania; and Mr. Sidney Lawrence, of New York.

A Committee on Invalid Pensions was appointed, consisting of Mr. Henry Nes, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Andrew S. Fulton, of Virginia; Mr. George Fries, of Ohio; Mr. William T. Lawrence, of New York; Mr. Abraham W. Venable, of North Carolina; Mr. Robert A. Thompson, of Virginia; Mr. George N. Eckert of Pennsylvania; Mr. James S. Wiley, of Maine; and Mr. George Petrie, of New York.

A Committee on Roads and Canals was appointed, consisting of Mr. Robert C. Schenck, of Ohio; Mr. Elias B. Holmes, of New York; Mr. Robert Smith, of Illinois; Mr. Alexander Irvin, of Pennsylvania; Mr. A. W. H. Clapp, of Maine; Mr. Cornelius Warren, of New York; Mr. Samuel O. Peyton, of Kentucky; Mr. William A. Newell, of New Jersey; and Mr. Jobb Mann, of Pennsylvania.

A Committee on Patents was appointed, consisting of Mr. John W. Farrelly, of Pennsylvania; Mr. William B. Maclay, of New York; Mr. Thomas J. Henley, of Indiana; Mr. John W. Jones, of Georgia; and Mr. John K. Miller, of Ohio.

A Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds was appointed, consisting of Mr. John W. Houston, of Delaware; Mr. William B. Preston, of Virginia; Mr. James J. Faran, of Ohio; Mr. Robert M. McLane, of Maryland; and Mr. Gideon Reynolds, of New York.

A Committee on Revisal and Unfinished Business was appointed, consisting of Mr. John W. Hornbeck, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Frederick W. Lord, of New York; Mr. Artemas Hale, of Massachusetts; Mr. Thomas J. Turner, of Illinois; and Mr. Hugh L. W. Hill, of Tennessee.

A Committee on Accounts was appointed, consisting of Mr. Linn Boyd, of Kentucky; Mr. Dudley S. Gregory, of New Jersey; Mr. George A. Starkweather, of New York; Mr. William Kennon, jr., of Ohio; and Mr. William Henry, of Vermont.

A Committee on Mileage was appointed, consisting of Mr. Hiram Belcher, of Maine; Mr. Thomas Richey, of Ohio; Mr. Cornelius

Warren, of New York; Mr. William A. Richardson, of Illinois; and Mr. James S. Green, of Missouri.

A Committee on Engraving was appointed, consisting of Mr. Lewis C. Levin, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Henry C. Murphy, of New York; and Mr. Green Adams, of Kentucky.

A Joint Committee on the Library of Congress was appointed, consisting of Mr. John Quincy Adams, of Massachusetts; Mr. William B. Preston, of Virginia; and Mr. Henry C. Murphy, of New York.

A Committee on Expenditures in the State Department was appointed, consisting of Mr. Daniel M. Barringer, of North Carolina; Mr. John H. Crozier, of Tennessee; Mr. Samnel Lahm, of Ohio; Mr. James Dixon, of Connecticut; and Mr. William Collins, of New York.

A Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department was appointed, consisting of Mr. Joseph M. Root, of Ohio; Mr. Richard S. Donnell, of North Carolina; Mr. Ausburn Birdsall, of New York; Mr. Aylett Buckner, of Kentucky; and Mr. W. S. Featherston, of Mississippi.

A Committee on Expenditures in the War Department was appointed, consisting of Mr. John H. Crozier, of Tennessee; Mr. Richard W. Thompson, of Indiana; Mr. William Kennon, jr., of Ohio; Mr. David S. Jackson, of New York; and Mr. Abraham Lincoln, of Illinois.

A Committee on Expenditures in the Navy Department was appointed, consisting of Mr. Patrick W. Tompkins, of Mississippi; Mr. Nathaniel Boyden, of North Carolina; Mr. William B. Maclay, of New York; Mr. Beverly L. Clark, of Kentucky; and Mr. Amos Tuck, of New Hampshire.

A Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department was appointed, consisting of Mr. James Wilson, of New Hampshire; Mr. Orlando Kellogg, of New York; Mr. Charles E. Stuart, of Michigan; Mr. Shepherd Leffler, of Iowa; and Mr. John B. Thompson, of Kentucky.

A Committee on Expenditures on the Public Buildings was appointed, consisting of Mr. E. Carrington Cabell, of Florida; Mr. James G. Hampton, of New Jersey; Mr. William Sawyer, of Ohio; Mr. Elias B. Holmes, of New York; and Mr. William A. Richardson, of Illinois.

A Committee on Enrolled Bills was appointed, consisting of Mr. James G. Hampton, of New Jersey; and Mr. John L. Robinson, of Indiana.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from Messrs. Wendell & Van Benthuysen, printers to Congress, explaining the causes of their delay in furnishing copies of the President's message to members of the House: which communication was read; when

Mr. Hudson moved that the said communication be printed.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative.

It was then

*Ordered*, That the said communication be laid upon the table.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications:

I. A letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting, in obedience to the 20th section of the act approved 26th August, 1842, and the act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year 1836, the annual statements of the contingent expenses of the Department of State and of foreign missions, for the year ending 30th June, 1847: which letter and statements were referred to the Committee on the Expenditures of the Department of State.

II. A letter from the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting, in pursuance of law, copies of the treasurer's accounts with the United States, for the third and fourth quarters of the year 1846, and the first and second quarters of 1847, as adjusted by the accounting officers of the department: which letter and copies of accounts were laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

III. A letter from the Second Auditor of the Treasury Department, transmitting copies of such accounts as have been rendered by persons charged with the disbursement or application of moneys, &c., for the benefit of the Indians, from the 1st of October, 1845, to the 30th September, 1846, inclusive, together with a statement containing a list of the names of all persons to whom goods, moneys, or effects, have been delivered, within the same time, &c.: which letter, copies, and statements, were ordered to be laid upon the table and printed.

IV. The annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of the finances, embracing an account of the receipts and expenditures of the government for the year ending the 30th of June last: which letter was laid upon the table.

On motion by Mr. McKay,

*Resolved*, That ten thousand copies extra of the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury be printed, for the use of the House.

Mr. Vinton gave notice of a motion for leave to move an amendment to the rules and orders of the House of Representatives, providing for the appointment of a "*Committee on Commerce with Foreign Nations*," which shall have charge of all questions concerning the trade of the United States with foreign countries; also,

A "Committee on the Commerce among the States," which shall have charge of all questions concerning trade between the several States of the Union.

In pursuance of notice heretofore given, Mr. White asked and obtained leave, and introduced the following amendment to the rules and orders of the House: which was read, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the rules of this House be amended, by adding one to the number of standing committees, and to consist of nine members, which shall be entitled a Committee on the Smithsonian Institution. It shall be the duty of said committee to supervise the proceedings of the board of regents, examine all accounts, and the condition of the funds of the institution, suggest such alterations or amendments of the law under which the institution was established

as may be deemed necessary, and report to the House from time to time, as the interest of the institution may require.

And, after debate,

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll moved that the said proposed amendment be referred to the Select Committee on the Revision of the Rules and Orders: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll offered the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk cause to be furnished to the members of this House, during the present session, such papers as they may respectively direct; the expense thereof not to exceed the rate of thirty dollars per annum to each member, from the commencement of the session.

Mr. Fries offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a select committee of three be appointed by the Chair, whose duty it shall be to inquire whether the health of the members of this House does not require the removal of the gas apparatus by which it is now lighted; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

The said resolution was read; and, pending the question upon the same,

On motion of Mr. Barringer, the House, at 2 o'clock and 10 minutes, adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## MONDAY, December 13, 1847.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. White: A petition of Stephen A. Corey, of Saratoga county, in the State of New York, a soldier of the United States in the war of 1812, and now an invalid pensioner of the United States, praying back pension from the month of March, 1816, till the 27th December, 1845;

Also, a petition of Lemuel D. Sabin, of Edinburg, Saratoga county, and State of New York, late a captain of the Vermont militia, in the war of 1812, and now an invalid pensioner of the United States, praying for back pension from the 1st January, 1813, to the 27th day of December, 1845;

Also, the petition of George Newton, of Fulton county, and State of New York—heretofore presented February 5, 1840;

Also, the petition of Hugh Riddle, of Schenectady, in the State of New York—heretofore presented February 13, 1846;

Also, the petition of Henry R. Wendell, of the same city and State—heretofore presented February 10, 1845.

By Mr. John H. Tweedy: The petition of William Blake—heretofore presented December 10, 1845.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: A petition of Jedediah Morse, of Canterbury, county of Windham, and State of Connecticut, who was a

soldier of the American army in the war of the revolution, praying for a pension;

Also, a petition of Esther Fish, of Tolland county, and State of Connecticut, formerly widow of John Ladd, deceased, a soldier of the American army in the war of the revolution, praying for a pension on account of the services of said John Ladd, deceased;

Also, a petition of Lemuel Cushman, administrator of the estate of Hannah Cushman, formerly the widow of Lemuel Parker, of Tolland county, and State of Connecticut, deceased, who was a soldier of the revolutionary war, praying for the balance of pension due to the said Hannah for the services of her deceased husband.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Nicoll: A memorial of Joshua T. Jones, Charles A. Jones, and Thomas Bell, of the city of New York, praying the passage of an act to secure the advantages of an American register for the barque Sarah and Eliza: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: A memorial of Robert Roberts, praying indemnity for losses sustained by the capture of the ship Experiment in the year 1805, either from the fund acquired under the treaty with Spain, of 1819, or with France, of 1831—heretofore presented February 3, 1846.

By Mr. White: The petition of Ruliff Van Brunt—heretofore presented December 23, 1844.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. John H. Tweedy: The petition of Joseph Ward and Lindsey Ward—heretofore presented May 16, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: A petition of E. Goodrich Smith, of the city of Washington, praying compensation for extra services performed whilst chief clerk in the Patent Office: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* I am directed by the Senate to notify the House of Representatives of the death of the honorable Jabez W. Huntington, late one of the Senators from the State of Connecticut, who died at his residence in Connecticut during the late recess.

And then he withdrew. When,

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That this House has heard, with deep sensibility, the announcement of the death of the honorable Jabez W. Huntington, a Senator in Congress from the State of Connecticut.

*Resolved*, That, as a testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, the members and officers of this House will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

*Resolved*, That the proceedings of this House in relation to the death of the honorable Jabez W. Huntington be communicated to the family of the deceased by the Clerk.

*Resolved*, That this House, as a further mark of respect for his memory, do now adjourn.

And thereupon,

The House accordingly adjourned.

## TUESDAY, December 14, 1847.

The Speaker proceeded to call the States for petitions, commencing at the State of Maine: when

Mr. Barringer stated to the House, that Mr. Augustine H. Shepperd was unable, on account of ill health, to discharge the duties of a member of the Committee on Agriculture, on which committee he had been appointed; and he moved that Mr. Shepperd be excused from serving on said committee.

And the question being put, Shall Mr. Shepperd be excused from serving on the Committee on Agriculture?

It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Boyd, at his own request, was excused from serving on the Committee of Accounts.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, from the Select Committee on Rules and Orders of the House, by unanimous consent, made a report thereon, in part; which report was ordered to be laid upon the table and printed, and made the special order of the day for Thursday next.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a memorial of James Monroe, of the city of New York, praying to be admitted to a seat as a member of the House of Representatives for the 30th Congress, from the State of New York, in the place of David S. Jackson, the sitting member.

*Ordered*, That said memorial be referred to the Committee of Elections.

Mr. Tallmadge also presented a petition of Hannah Avery, late widow of Henry Avery, deceased, of Cornwall, in the State of New York, praying to be restored to the possession, use, and occupation of a certain farm occupied by her father, Hugh McClannon, in his lifetime, and which is situated within the tract of land at West Point claimed by the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petition be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Levin moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to offer the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the Postmaster of the House supply the members with wrapping paper and envelopes free of charge, and that he be directed to keep an account of the quantity of paper, and the number of envelopes given to each, subject to the inspection of any member when desired.

The said resolution was read; and the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended for the purpose of introducing the same?

It was decided in the affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Levin accordingly introduced his said resolution.

Mr. Cobb moved that the said resolution be referred to the Committee on Accounts.

And, after debate,

The question was put, Will the House agree to the motion made by Mr. Cobb?

And decided in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have concurred in the resolution of the House for the election of two chaplains, one by each House, to officiate during the present session; and have elected the Reverend Henry Slicer Chaplain on their part.

The Senate have also concurred in the resolution of the House providing for the appointment of a Joint Committee on the Library, and have appointed Mr. Pearce, Mr. Davis, of Mississippi, and Mr. Mason, of the said committee on their part.

And then he withdrew.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Sidney Lawrence: The petition of Polly Carver, widow and executrix of Dr. Nathan Carver, deceased—heretofore presented February 15, 1847;

Also, the petition of George Parsons—heretofore presented June 3, 1844.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: A petition of Orange H. Dibble, of Evans, Erie county, and State of New York, praying payment of his claims on account of preparation for building a bridge across the Potomac river at the city of Washington.

By Mr. Conger: A petition of Aurelian Conkling, of Auburn, in the State of New York, praying payment for services rendered as deputy clerk of the district court of the United States for the northern district of the State of New York, under a resolution of the House of Representatives.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of Charles Foreman, of Carroll county, and State of Ohio—heretofore presented December 29, 1846.

By Mr. McClelland: The petition of John R. Williams—heretofore presented March 2, 1818.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: A petition of C. J. MacLellan, praying remuneration for expenses incurred by the decease of the honorable Felix G. McConnell, at his hotel, in the city of Washington: which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: A petition of Thomas Jenne, a soldier of the United States in the war of 1812, praying for bounty land for his services in that war: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: A memorial of Henry Simpson, of the city of Philadelphia, surviving administrator of George Simpson, deceased, praying for allowance of commissions on loan obtained for the government of the United States in the year 1813: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: A petition of Sarah Corbin, widow of David Corbin, deceased, a soldier of the revolutionary war, and, at

the time of his death, a pensioner of the United States, praying for a pension;

Also, a petition of Sylvia Pond, widow of Beriah Pond, deceased, and now a pensioner of the United States, praying that her pension may be continued after the 4th of March next, during her natural life;

Also, a petition of Eunice Goodell, widow of James Goodell, deceased, a soldier of the revolution, praying that her pension may be continued to her after the 4th of March next, during her natural life.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of James Hillman—heretofore presented December 11, 1845.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The petition of Francis Hutinack—heretofore presented December 10, 1844.

By Mr. Putnam: A petition of Anna Giffin, formerly the widow of Benjamin Farnam, deceased, who was a soldier of the American army in the war of the revolution, praying for a pension under the act of Congress of July 4, 1836.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: A petition of the heirs of Tarlton Woodson—heretofore presented December 13, 1844;

Also, a petition of the heirs of Theodore Middleton—heretofore presented January 6, 1845;

Also, a petition of the heirs of Captain Thomas Morris—heretofore presented July 15, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: Two petitions of citizens of Pittsburg, Alleghany county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying the establishment of a daily mail route from Pittsburg to Mansfield, in the the State of Ohio.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: A petition of Phineas Capen, administrator of John Cox deceased—heretofore presented January 20, 1846;

Also, a petition of the executors of Joshua Kennedy, deceased—heretofore presented December 19, 1831;

Also, a petition of Jacob Gideon—heretofore presented January 25, 1843;

Also, a petition of Caroline E. Sanders, executrix of William G. Sanders—heretofore presented December 22, 1845;

Also, a petition of the heirs of Francis Vigo—heretofore presented December 15, 1845;

Also, sundry documents in relation to the petition of the heirs of Antoine Pettier—heretofore presented December 20, 1843.

By Mr. Alfred Iverson: The memorial of the legal representatives of James C. Watson—heretofore presented December 16, 1840;

Also, a petition of the heirs of John Forsyth—heretofore presented February 26, 1844.

By Mr. William M. Cocke: A petition of George Hix—heretofore presented February 28, 1846.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: A petition of Ira Baldwin—heretofore presented December 18, 1837.

By Mr. Joseph Grinnell: A petition of Alborne Allen—heretofore presented December 18, 1843;

Also, a petition of E. Sawin and fifteen others, of Fairhaven, Bristol county, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the claim of Alborne Allen be paid.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: A petition of Harriet Brown, widow of George Brown, deceased, of Beverly, Massachusetts, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Hezekiah Williams: The petition of Andrew Blake—heretofore presented December 26, 1844;

Also, the petition of A. G. Higgins and others—heretofore presented January 18, 1845.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: Two petitions of the citizens of Buffalo, New York, praying for the erection of a marine hospital at that place;

Also, the petition of mariners engaged in the navigation of Lake Erie, praying that the moneys for hospital purposes may be expended under the management of a hospital endowed and managed by the government.

By Mr. Joseph Grinnell: The petition of citizens of New Bedford, in the State of Massachusetts, praying the erection of a lighthouse at Palmer's island.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Joseph Grinnell: The petition of Elisha H. Holmes—heretofore presented January 3, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

On motion of Mr. Pollock,

The House, in pursuance of the resolution of Thursday last, proceeded *viva voce* to elect a Chaplain; when

Mr. Pettit and Mr. Sawyer, at their request, respectively, were excused from voting.

And the first vote being taken, it appeared that the following members voted for the Rev. Mr. GURLEY:

Amos Abbott, John Quincy Adams, Washington Barrow, Hiram Belcher, John Blanchard, Thomas S. Bocock, John M. Botts, Jasper E. Brady, William G. Brown, Aylett Buckner, Chester Butler, E. Carrington Cabell, Charles W. Cathcart, John G. Chapman, Franklin Clark, William M. Cocke, Jacob Collamer, William Collins, John Dickey, James Dixon, Garnett Duncan, Nathan Evans, David Fisher, Thomas S. Flournoy, Andrew S. Fulton, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, William L. Goggin, Daniel Gott, Dudley S. Gregory, David Hammons, Moses Hampton, Samson W. Harris, William T. Haskell, Isaac E. Holmes, John W. Houston, Samuel

D. Hubbard, Samuel W. Inge, Alexander Irvin, Alfred Iverson, Orlando Kellogg, Samuel Lahm, William T. Lawrence, Sidney Lawrence, James McDowell, George P. Marsh, Charles S. Morehead, William Nelson, William A. Newall, Charles H. Peaslee, William B. Preston, Harvey Putnam, Julius Rockwell, John A. Rockwell, Robert L. Rose, Joseph M. Root, David Rumsey, jr., Daniel B. St. John, Eliakim Sherrill, Ephraim K. Smart, Robert Smith, Truman Smith, Alexander H. Stevens, Peter H. Sylvester, Patrick W. Tompkins, Richard W. Thompson, John Van Dyke, Cornelius Warren, Hugh White, Hezekiah Williams, James S. Wiley, David Wilmot, James Wilson, Robert C. Winthrop, Joseph A. Woodward.

The following members voted for the Rev. Mr. CUSHMAN:

Green Adams, Daniel M. Barringer, Thomas H. Bayly, Richard L. T. Beale, Henry Bedinger, Kingsley S. Bingham, Franklin W. Bowdon, Nathaniel Boydon, Armistead Burt, Lucien B. Chase, Beverly L. Clark, Williamson R. W. Cobb, John H. Crozier, John D. Cummins, John R. J. Daniel, George G. Dunn, George N. Eckert, Joseph E. Edsall, Elisha Embree, Winfield S. Featherston, Orlando B. Ficklin, George Fries, Richard French, James G. Hampton, Hugh A. Haralson, Henry W. Hilliard, George S. Houston, David S. Jackson, John W. Jones, David S. Kaufman, William Kennon, jr., Thomas Butler King, Lewis C. Levin, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick W. Lord, John H. Lumpkin, William B. Maclay, Robert McClelland, James J. McKay, Job Mann, Richard K. Meade, John K. Miller, David Outlaw, George Petrie, Samuel O. Peyton, Timothy Pillsbury, James Pollock, R. Barnwell Rhett, Gideon Reynolds, Richard F. Simpson, Alexander D. Sims, John Strohm, William Strong, Jacob Thompson, John B. Thompson, William Thompson, Benjamin B. Thurston, Robert Toombs, Thomas J. Turner, Abraham W. Venable.

The following members voted for the Rev. Mr. MCJILTON:

Ausburn Birdsall, James A. Black, James B. Bowlin, Linn Boyd, Richard Brodhead, Howell Cobb, John W. Crisfield, John W. Farrelly, John H. Harmanson, Thomas J. Henley, Hugh L. W. Hill, Washington Hunt, Andrew Johnson, George W. Jones, Thomas W. Ligon, Robert M. McLane, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, Henry Nicoll, John S. Phelps, William A. Richardson, John L. Robinson, William Rockhill, J. Dixon Roman, George A. Starkwether, Charles E. Stuart, James H. Thomas, James Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, William W. Wick.

The following members voted for the Rev. Mr. DEWEY:

George Ashmun, Richard S. Canby, Thomas L. Clingman, Harmon S. Conger, John Crowell, Daniel Duncan, Thomas O. Edwards, Alexander Evans, Joshua R. Giddings, Joseph Grinnell, Artemas Hale, Nathan K. Hall, William Henry, Elias B. Holmes, Timothy Jenkins, Daniel P. King, Abraham R. McIlvaine, Dudley Marvin, Joseph Mullin, Henry Nes, John G. Palfrey, Robert C. Schenck, Caleb B. Smith, Frederick A. Tallmadge, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, John L. Taylor, Amos Tuck, Samuel F. Vinton, James Wilson.

The following members voted for the Rev. Mr. REESE:

Asa W. H. Clapp, Robert B. Cranston, Rudolphus Dickinson,

James J. Faran, John Freedley, James S. Green, Willard P. Hall, Charles J. Ingersoll, John Jamieson, Robert W. Johnson, Jonathan D. Morris, Thomas Richey, John I. Slingerland, Frederick P. Stanton, Andrew Stewart, John Wentworth.

*Recapitulation of the first vote for Chaplain.*

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| For the Rev. Mr. Gurley | 74 |
| For the Rev. Mr. Cushman | 60 |
| For the Rev. Mr. McJilton | 30 |
| For the Rev. Mr. Dewey | 29 |
| Fos the Rev. Mr. Reese | 16 |
| Whole number of votes | 209 |
| Necessary to a choice | 105 |

No person having received a majority of the whole number of votes given, there was no election.

The House then proceeded to vote a second time for Chaplain, the result of which was as follows:

The following members voted for the Rev. Mr. GURLEY:

Amos Abbott, John Quincy Adams, Washington Barrow, Hiram Belcher, John Blanchard, Thomas S. Bocock, John M. Botts, Nathaniel Boydon, Richard Brodhead, Jasper E. Brady, William G. Brown, Aylett Buckner, Chester Butler, Charles W. Cathcart, John G. Chapman, Thomas L. Clingman, William M. Cocke, Jacob Collamer, William Collins, John W. Crisfield, John Dickey, James Dixon, George G. Dunn, Thomas O. Edwards, Alexander Evans, Nathan Evans, John W. Farrelly, David Fisher, Thomas S. Flournoy, John Freedley, Andrew S. Fulton, John Gayle, William L. Goggin, Daniel Gott, Dudley S. Gregory, Joseph Grinnell, Artemas Hale, Nathan K. Hall, David Hammons, Moses Hampton, Samson W. Harris, Isaac E. Holmes, Elias B. Holmes, John W. Houston, Samuel D. Hubbard, Charles Hudson, Washington Hunt, Samuel W. Inge, Alexander Irvin, Alfred Iverson, Orlando Kellogg, Samuel Lahm, William T. Lawrence, Sidney Lawrence, James McDowell, George P. Marsh, Dudley Marvin, Charles S. Morehead, Henry C. Murphy, William Nelson, William A. Newall, Charles H. Peaslee, William B. Preston, Harvey Putnam, Julius Rockwell, John A. Rockwell, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, Joseph M. Root, David Rumsey, jr., Daniel B. St. John, Robert C. Schenck, Eliakim Sherrill, John I. Slingerland, Ephraim K. Smart, Robert Smith, Truman Smith, Alexander H. Stephens, Andrew Stewart, Charles E. Stuart, William Strong, Peter H. Sylvester, Patrick W. Tompkins, James Thompson, Richard W. Thompson, Thomas J. Turner, John Van Dyke, Cornelius Warren, Hugh White, Hezekiah Williams, James S. Wiley, David Wilmot, James Wilson, Robert C. Winthrop.

The following members voted for the Rev. Mr. CUSHMAN:

Green Adams, Daniel M. Barringer, Thomas H. Bayly, Richard

L. T. Beale, Henry Bedinger, Kingsley S. Bingham, Ausburn Birdsall, James A. Black, Franklin W. Bowdon, James B. Bowlin, Linn Boyd, Armistead Burt, Lucien B. Chase, Asa W. H. Clapp, Franklin Clark, Beverly L. Clark, Howell Cobb, Williamson R. W. Cobb, John H. Crozier, John D. Cummins, John R. J. Daniel, Rudolphus Dickinson, George N. Eckert, Joseph E. Edsall, Elisha Embree, James J. Faran, Winfield S. Featherston, Orlando B. Ficklin, George Fries, Richard French, Meredith P. Gentry, James S. Green, James G. Hampton, Hugh A. Haralson, John H. Harmanson, William T. Haskell, Thomas J. Henley, Henry W. Hilliard, George S. Houston, Charles J. Ingersoll, David S. Jackson, George W. Jones, John W. Jones, David S. Kaufman, William Kennon, jr., Thomas Butler King, Emile La Sère, Lewis C. Levin, Thomas W. Ligon, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick W. Lord, John H. Lumpkin, William B. Maclay, Robert McClelland, Abraham R. McIlvaine, James J. McKay, Robert M. McLane, Job Mann, Richard K. Meade, John K. Miller, Jonathan D. Morris, George Petrie, Samuel O. Peyton, John S. Phelps, Timothy Pillsbury, James Pollock, R. Barnwell Rhett, Gideon Reynolds, William A. Richardson, Thomas Richey, John L. Robinson, William Rockhill, Richard F. Simpson, Alexander D. Sims, George A. Starkweather, John Strohm, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, James H. Thomas, James Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, William Thompson, Benjamin B. Thurston, Robert Toombs, Abraham W. Venable, William W. Wick, Joseph A. Woodward.

The following members voted for the Rev. Mr. DEWEY:

George Ashmun, E. Carrington Cabell, Richard S. Canby, Harmon S. Conger, Robert B. Cranston, John Crowell, Daniel Duncan, Garnett Duncan, Joshua R. Giddings, William Henry, Timothy Jenkins, Daniel P. King, Joseph Mullin, Henry Nes, John G. Palfrey, Caleb B. Smith, Frederick A. Tallmadge, John L. Taylor, Amos Tuck, Samuel F. Vinton.

Mr. Willard P. Hall, Mr. Hill, Mr. Robert W. Johnson, Mr. Stanton, and Mr. Wentworth voted for the Rev. Mr. REESE.

Mr. Andrew Johnson voted for the Rev. Mr. MCJILTON.

*Recapitulation of the second vote for Chaplain.*

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| For the Rev. Mr. Gurley | 94 |
| For the Rev. Mr. Cushman | 87 |
| For the Rev. Mr. Dewey | 20 |
| For the Rev. Mr. Reese | 5 |
| For the Rev. Mr. McJilton | 1 |
| Whole number of votes | 207 |
| Necessary to a choice | 104 |

No person having received a majority of the whole number of votes given, there was no election.

The House then proceeded to vote a third time for Chaplain, the result of which was as follows:

The following members voted for the Rev. Mr. GURLEY:

Amos Abbott, John Quincy Adams, George Ashmun, Washington Barrow, Hiram Belcher, John Blanchard, Thomas S. Bocock, John M. Botts, Nathaniel Boydon, Jasper E. Brady, William G. Brown, Aylett Buckner, Chester Butler, Charles W. Cathcart, John G. Chapman, Thomas L. Clingman, William M. Cocke, Jacob Collamer, William Collins, Harmon S. Conger, John W. Crisfield, John Dickey, James Dixon, Daniel Duncan, George G. Dunn, Thomas O. Edwards, Alexander Evans, Nathan Evans, John W. Farrelly, David Fisher, Thomas S. Flournoy, John Freedley, Andrew S. Fulton, John Gayle, William L. Goggin, Daniel Gott, Dudley S. Gregory, Joseph Grinnell, Artemas Hale, Nathan K. Hall, David Hammons, James G. Hampton, Moses Hampton, Samson W. Harris, William Henry, Isaac E. Holmes, Elias B. Holmes, Samuel D. Hubbard, Washington Hunt, Alexander Irvin, Alfred Iverson, Orlando Kellogg, William T. Lawrence, Sidney Lawrence, James McDowell, George P. Marsh, Dudley Marvin, Charles S. Morehead, Joseph Mullin, Henry C. Murphy, William Nelson, William A. Newall, Charles H. Peaslee, Lucius B. Peck, James Pollock, William B. Preston, Harvey Putnam, Julius Rockwell, John A. Rockwell, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, Joseph M. Root, David Rumsey, jr., Daniel B. St. John, Robert C. Schenck, Eliakim Sherrill, John I. Slingerland, Ephraim K. Smart, Caleb B. Smith, Robert Smith, Truman Smith, Alexander H. Stephens, Andrew Stewart, Charles E. Stuart, William Strong, Peter H. Sylvester, Frederick A. Tallmadge, John L. Taylor, Patrick W. Tompkins, James Thompson, Richard W. Thompson, Amos Tuck, Thomas J. Turner, John Van Dyke, Cornelius Warren, John Wentworth, Hugh White, Hezekiah Williams, James S. Wiley, David Wilmot, James Wilson, and R. C. Winthrop.

The following members voted for the Rev. Mr. CUSHMAN:

Green Adams, Daniel M. Barringer, Thomas H. Bayly, Richard L. T. Beale, Henry Bedinger, Kingsley S. Bingham, Ausburn Birdsall, James A. Black, Franklin W. Bowdon, James B. Bowlin, Linn Boyd, Richard Brodhead, Armistead Burt, Richard S. Canby, Lucien B. Chase, Asa W. H. Clapp, Franklin Clark, Beverly L. Clark, Howell Cobb, Williamson R. W. Cobb, Robert B. Cranston, John H. Crozier, John D. Cummins, John R. J. Daniel, Rudolphus Dickinson, Garnett Duncan, George N. Eckert, Joseph E. Edsall, Elisha Embree, Winfield S. Featherston, Orlando B. Ficklin, George Fries, Richard French, Meredith P. Gentry, Joshua R. Giddings, James S. Green, Willard P. Hall, Hugh A. Haralson, John H. Harmanson, William T. Haskell, Thomas J. Henley, Hugh L. W. Hill, Henry W. Hilliard, George S. Houston, John W. Houston, Charles J. Ingersoll, John Jamieson, Timothy Jenkins, Andrew Johnson, George W. Jones, John W. Jones, David S. Kaufman, William Kennon, jr., Thomas Butler King, Daniel P. King, Samuel Lahm, Emile La Sère, Lewis C. Levin, Thomas W. Ligon, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick W. Lord, John H. Lumpkin, William

B. Maclay, Robert McClelland, Abraham R. McIlvaine, Robert M. McLane, Job Mann, Richard K. Meade, John K. Miller, Jonathan D. Morris, Isaac E. Morse, Henry Nes, David Outlaw, John G. Palfrey, George Petrie, Samuel O. Peyton, John S. Phelps, Timothy Pillsbury, R. Barnwell Rhett, Gideon Reynolds, William A. Richardson, Thomas Richey, John L. Robinson, William Rockhill, Richard F. Simpson, Alexander D. Sims, Frederick P. Stanton, George A. Starkweather, John Strohm, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, James H. Thomas, Jacob Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, William Thompson, Benjamin B. Thurston, Robert Toombs, Abraham W. Venable, William W. Wick, and Joseph A. Woodward.

*Recapitulation of the third vote for Chaplain.*

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| For the Rev. Mr. Gurley | 102 |
| For the Rev. Mr. Cushman | 100 |
| Whole number of votes | 202 |
| Necessary to a choice | 102 |

The Rev. Royal R. Gurley having received a majority of the whole number of votes given, was declared duly elected Chaplain, on the part of the House, for the present session.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate thereof.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the resolution offered by Mr. Fries, on the 9th instant, relative to the removal of the gas apparatus by which the hall is now lighted; when

Mr. Fries withdrew his said resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, to wit:

I. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the commerce and navigation of the United States for the last fiscal year, prepared in pursuance of the act of February 10, 1820: which letter and report were ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. McKay moved that ten thousand copies extra of the said report be printed, for the use of the House: which motion was laid over one day, under the rule.

II. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, exhibiting the operations in that branch of the public service during the last year: which said report and letter were referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

III. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in compliance with the 22d section of the act of July 28, 1847, a statement showing the amount of treasury notes issued under its provisions, the amount redeemed, and the manner in which redeemed: which letter and statement were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

IV. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, trans-

mitting, pursuant to the resolution of the House of Representatives of December 3, 1791, a report of the receipts and expenditures of the government for the year ending June 30, 1846: which letter and report were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

V. A letter from the Third Auditor of the Treasury, transmitting a report upon the case of Thomas H. Noble, in obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 1st of March last: which report was referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

VI. A letter from the late Clerk of the House of Representatives, transmitting a report of the expenditure of the contingent fund of the House, from the 1st day of December, 1846, to the 1st day of December, 1847; the amounts paid for stationery during the same period; the cost of stationery furnished the post office, and the Clerk, for the use of the Clerk's office, during the same period; and the residue of money on hand on the 7th day of December, 1847: which letter and report were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

VII. A letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, transmitting his report of the purchase of stationery necessary for the use of the House of Representatives during the present session: which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Henley gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a joint resolution, to amend the act approved March 3, 1847, entitled "An act to establish certain post routes, and for other purposes."

On motion of Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll,

*Ordered*, That the papers of Charles G. Ridgely, a captain in the navy of the United States, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

A bill from the Senate, (No. 1,) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones, was read a first and second time.

Mr. Brodhead moved that the said bill be referred to the Committee on Claims and printed.

And, after debate,

The question being put on agreeing to the said motion of Mr. Brodhead,

It was decided in the affirmative.

In pursuance of notice heretofore given, Mr. Vinton asked and obtained leave, and introduced the following resolution, amendatory of the rules of the House, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce shall hereafter be called the "Committee on Commerce among the States," and shall have charge of all questions touching the regulation of trade among the several States of the Union.

There shall also be added to the standing committees of the House a committee, to be composed of nine members, which shall be called the "Committee on Commerce with Foreign Nations." It shall have charge of all questions concerning the regulation of the trade of the United States with foreign nations.

The said resolution was read; when

Mr. John W. Houston moved to amend the same, by adding thereto the following:

"*Provided*, That it shall be the duty and power of the Committee on Commerce among the States to take into consideration all such petitions, and matters and things, touching the appropriation of the public money for the improvement of the navigation of rivers, lakes, harbors, bays, and inlets, both upon the sea-board and in the interior, and not of the said committee on foreign commerce."

And pending the question on the said amendment,

On motion of Mr. Jacob Thompson, the House, at 9 minutes after 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned.

## WEDNESDAY, December 15, 1847.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid upon the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House:

By Mr. Daniel: The petition of William Hogan, administrator of Michael Hogan—heretofore presented January 9, 1847.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of Martin L. Patterson—heretofore presented December 10, 1844;

Also, the petition of Rowena Patterson, Timothy K. Bloss, and Eliza Kemphall, heirs of Martin L. Patterson, deceased, praying that their claims may be early considered, and adjusted.

By Mr. John G. Chapman: The petition of the heirs of Regnal Hilleary—heretofore presented January 15, 1846;

Also, the petition of Frances Swann, administratrix of William T. Swann—heretofore presented December 21, 1844;

Also, the petition of Thomas Crown—heretofore presented January 29, 1844.

By Mr. William G. Brown: The petition of Daniel Steenrod—heretofore presented January 6, 1840.

By Mr. Ligon: The petition of John Martin, praying the payment of a balance due him for a wagon and horses furnished by him during the war of 1812—heretofore presented January 3, 1846.

By Mr. Goggin: The petition of William Saunders and William R. Porter, sureties of William Estes—heretofore presented December 21, 1846.

By Mr. Schenck: The petition of James Morrow, of Green county, in the State of Ohio, praying the payment of continental money.

By Mr. Peck: The petition of Harry Richardson—heretofore presented December 10, 1844.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petitions of George Hollenback, Ely Ackly, Patrick Cunningham, and William Harris—heretofore presented February 17, 1844.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The petition of the representative of Isaac D. Taulbec, deceased, late of Illinois, praying remuneration for a horse lost in the Black Hawk war.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of the heirs of John Paul Jones—heretofore presented January 31, 1844.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Faran: The memorial of the board of trustees of the Protestant University of the United States, praying a grant to it of a portion of the public lands.

By Mr. Kennon: The petition of Wilson Shannon and others, citizens of Ohio, praying for the revival of the law authorizing warrants for the location of bounty lands for military services rendered during the war of 1812 with Great Britain.

By Mr. Sawyer: The petition of Purdy McIlvane—heretofore presented August 8, 1846.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Sawyer: The petition of Paul De Garno—heretofore presented March 5, 1844.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of Daniel Wilson—heretofore presented December 15, 1846.

By Mr. Pollock: The petition of Anthony Walton Bayard—heretofore presented January 10, 1846.

By Mr. Garnett Duncan: The petition of Harriet Barney, widow of Joshua Barney, deceased, of the State of Kentucky, praying for the renewal of her pension.

By Mr. St. John: The petition of Jesse Young and other citizens of Hector, Tompkins county, in the State of New York, praying for an increase of the pension of the said Jesse Young.

By Mr. Farrelly: The petition of Catharine Henrietta C. Johnson, widow of Captain Hezekiah Johnson, deceased, late of the United States army, praying for a pension.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Dickey: The petition of Catharine Fulton, widow of Samuel Fulton, deceased—heretofore presented January 6, 1846.

By Mr. Gregory: The petition of Phœbe Brown, widow of William Brown, deceased, a soldier in the war of the revolution, praying a pension on account of the services of her husband.

By Mr. French: The petition of Benjamin Johnson—heretofore presented December 10, 1844;

Also, the petition of Joseph Carter—heretofore presented December 10, 1844.

By Mr. Garnett Duncan: The petition of Henson Stephens, of Jefferson county, in the State of Kentucky, praying for a pension for services rendered in the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Ashmun: The petition of Jonathan Moore, of Hadley, county of Hampshire, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for a pension on account of service rendered in the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Barrow: The petition of Mary Patton, of Marshall county, in the State of Tennessee, widow of John Patton, a soldier in the war of the revolution, praying for a continuance of her pension.

By Mr. Pettit: The petition of Jacob Olinger, of the State of Indiana, praying for a pension on account of services rendered in the war of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Bowlin: The petition of David Myerle—heretofore presented December 10, 1845.

By Mr. Schenck: The petition of S. M. Gillin—heretofore presented December 15, 1846;

Also, the petition of James H. Conley, of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying the act for his relief, passed and approved on the 3d of March, 1847, may be amended.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of Susannah Langreen, of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, widow of Peter Langreen, deceased, praying for a pension on account of services of her deceased husband.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of Titian R. Peale—heretofore presented December 16, 1846.

By Mr. James Thompson: The petition of Stephen Champlin—heretofore presented December 28, 1846;

Also, the petition of Edmund L. Du Barry, a surgeon in the United States navy, praying pay as a surgeon while out of service.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Pendleton: The petition of the administrator of George Brent, deceased—heretofore presented December 4, 1844.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of the executors of Captain Larkin Smith, an officer in the war of the revolution—heretofore presented December 10, 1844;

Also, the petition of Mary Brown, widow of Jacob Brown, deceased—heretofore presented July 13, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of Catharine Hodges, widow of Benjamin Hodges, deceased—heretofore presented April 11, 1836;

Also, the petition of Cornelius Manning—heretofore presented December 20, 1836.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The petition of Reuben Etting, surviving partner of Butler & Etting, praying for indemnification for French spoliations committed between and during the years 1793 and 1800.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Thurston: The petition of Elias Coon—heretofore presented April 14, 1846.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of Smith, Thurgart, & Co., of the city of New York, praying the refunding of duties claimed to be unjustly imposed and paid upon hemp, &c.;

Also, the petition of Barclay & Livingston, of the city of New York, praying the refunding of duties claimed to be illegally imposed and exacted upon hemp and carpeting.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Thomas Butler King: The petition of William Fuller and Orlando Saltmarsh—heretofore presented January 20, 1845.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of citizens of the counties of Barry, Jasper, and Newton, in the State of Missouri, praying a mail route from Cassville to Sarcoxie.

By Mr. Haralson: The petition of Thomas L. Ross, of Macon, in the State of Georgia, praying that the compensation of postmasters may be increased.

By Mr. Freedley: The petition of citizens of the counties of Montgomery, Berks, and Lehigh, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying the establisment of a mail route from Norristown to Foglesville;

Also, the petition of citizens of the counties of Berks and Montgomery, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Boyerstown to Perkiomen bridge.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Crowell: Three memorials of citizens of the State of Ohio, remonstrating against the addition of more slave territory; and, also, that such measures be adopted as will produce peace with Mexico, and the redressing the grievances of all who have been injured: which were ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of citizens of the State of Maryland, praying an appropriation for the purchase of two toll bridges across the Eastern branch of the Potomac, and the construction of free bridges.

By Mr. McClelland: The petition of William W. Moore and others, a committee on the part of the Odd Fellows' association—heretofore presented April 7, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. John W. Houston: The petition of John Skirving—heretofore presented December 29, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Schenck: The petition of Henry Reeks, of Dayton, in the State of Ohio, praying a grant of one hundred and sixty acres of land, on account of Augustus Reeks, deceased, a volunteer in the 1st regiment of Ohio volunteers: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Sawyer: The petition of John A. Bryan—heretofore presented December 22, 1843.

By Mr. Nelson: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, praying the transfer of the location of a light-house at Teller's to Tarrytown point, in said State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Garnett Duncan: The petition of Hugh B. Branch, a volunteer in the Mexican war, praying a grant of one hundred and sixty acres of land for his services;

Also, the petition of Andrew J. Kriel, a volunteer in the Mexi-

can war, praying a grant of one hundred and sixty acres of land as compensation for his services.

By Mr. Jenkins: The petition of Archibald C. Niven, a citizen of Sullivan county, in the State of New York, praying that an inquiry be instituted in relation to Colonel Childs, of the army, having compelled inferior officers and soldiers to pay religious homage to the rules, priests, and processions of the Romish Church.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Garnett Duncan: The petition of J. H. Overstreet and George B. Didlake—heretofore presented February 8, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Ashmun: The petition of Hall J. Kelly, a pioneer in the exploration of Oregon, praying for a grant of land in that Territory: which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. Kennon: Documents relating to the claim of David Robb for services rendered and expenses incurred by him in effecting the ratification of certain treaties with the Shawnees and other Indians in the State of Ohio: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Putnam: The petition of Amzy Judd, of the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, who was a soldier in the United States army in the war of 1812, praying for bounty land and moneys due for his services: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The petition of Barnard Henry—heretofore presented February 3, 1846.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of H. D. Johnson—heretofore presented December 9, 1845.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of the representatives of Joseph Wilson—heretofore presented January 9, 1846.

By Mr. Murphy: The petition of Edward Quinn—heretofore presented January 18, 1847.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Ashmun: The petition of the administrator of François Cazeau—heretofore presented January 20, 1846.

By Mr. McClelland: The petition of Robert Ten Eych, praying compensation for disbursements and services while marshal of the district of Michigan.

By Mr. Collamer: The petition of John P. Skinner and the legal representatives of Isaac Green—heretofore presented January 2, 1844.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The petition of J. Randolph Clay, of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the outfit and salary of a chargé d'affaires while acting as such at the court of St. Petersburg: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The petition of Thomas Badger—heretofore presented February 15, 1844;

Also, the petition of Levi M. Roberts—heretofore presented January 27, 1834.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The petition of Thomas Flannagan, of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, who was a soldier of the American army, praying for a pension.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of Peter Coville—heretofore presented January 16, 1845.

By Mr. Murphy: The petition of Sarah Hildreth, widow of John Hildreth, deceased, of Newburg, in the State of New York, praying for a pension—heretofore presented December 16, 1846.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The petition of John Gilbert, of Alleghany county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for an increase of his pension.

By Mr. William G. Brown: The petition of Joseph Coberley, of Randolph county, in the State of Virginia, praying for compensation on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred while in the service of the United States as a soldier;

Also, the petition of William Sparks, of Morgantown, in the State of Virginia, a soldier in the war of 1812, praying for a pension—heretofore presented June 12, 1846.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Goggin was appointed a member of the Committee on Agriculture in the place of Mr. Shepperd, who was excused yesterday from serving on that commitiee.

The Speaker announced, as the business first in order, the resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Vinton, and pending when the House adjourned, (which said resolution proposes an alteration of one of the standing rules of the House, and relates to its organization.)

The question being on the amendment offered by Mr. John W. Houston to the said resolution; and the same being stated,

Mr. Vinton modified his said resolution, by inserting therein after the word "*question*," wherever it occurs, the words "*which may be referred to it.*"

And, after debate, and while proceeding upon the same,

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary; which was read, and is as follows:

*To the House of Representatives:*

On the last day of the last session of Congress, a bill, entitled "An act to provide for continuing certain works in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes," which had passed both Houses, was presented to me for my approval. I entertained insuperable objections to its becoming a law; but the short period of the session which remained afforded me no sufficient opportunity to prepare my objections, and communicate them, with the bill, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated. For this reason

the bill was retained; and I deem it proper now to state my objections to it.

Although, from the title of the bill, it would seem that its main object was to make provision for continuing certain works already commenced in the Territory of Wisconsin, it appears, on examination of its provisions, that it contains only a single appropriation of six thousand dollars to be applied within that Territory, while it appropriates more than half a million of dollars for the improvement of numerous harbors and rivers lying within the limits and jurisdiction of several of the States of the Union.

At the preceding session of Congress, it became my duty to return, with my objections, to the House in which it originated, a bill making similar appropriations, and involving like principles; and the views then expressed remain unchanged.

The circumstances under which this heavy expenditure of public money was proposed were of imposing weight in determining upon its expediency. Congress had recognized the existence of war with Mexico, and, to prosecute it to "a speedy and successful termination," had made appropriations exeeeding our ordinary revenues. To meet the emergency, and provide for the expenses of the government, a loan of twenty-three millions of dollars was authorized at the same session, which has since been negotiated. The practical effect of this bill, had it become a law, would have been to add the whole amount appropriated by it to the national debt. It would, in fact, have made necessary an additional loan to that amount, as effectually as if in terms it had required the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow the money therein appropriated. The main question in that aspect is, whether it is wise, while all the means and credit of the goverment are needed to bring the existing war to an honorable close, to impair the one and endanger the other, by borrowing money to be expended in a system of internal improvements capable of an expansion sufficient to swallow up the revenues not only of our own country, but of the civilized world? It is to be apprehended that, by entering upon such a career at this moment, confidence, at home and abroad, in the wisdom and prudence of the government, would be so far impaired as to make it difficult, without an immediate resort to heavy taxation, to maintain the public credit and to preserve the honor of the nation and the glory of our arms in prosecuting the existing war to a successful conclusion. Had this bill become a law, it is easy to foresee that largely increased demands upon the treasury would have been made at each succeeding session of Congress, for the improvements of numerous other harbors, bays, inlets, and rivers, of equal importance with those embraced by its provisions. Many millions would probably have been added to the necessary amount of the war debt, the annual interest on which must also have been borrowed, and finally a permanent national debt been fastened on the country and entailed on posterity.

The policy of embarking the Federal Government in a general system of internal improvements, had its origin but little more than twenty years ago. In a very few years, the applications to Con-

gress for appropriations, in furtherance of such objects, exceeded two hundred millions of dollars. In this alarming crisis, President Jackson refused to approve and sign the Maysville road bill, the Wabash river bill, and other bills of similar character. His interposition put a check upon the new policy of throwing the cost of local improvements upon the national treasury, preserved the revenues of the nation for their legitimate objects, by which he was enabled to extinguish the then existing public debt, and to present to an admiring world the unprecedented spectacle, in modern times, of a nation free from debt, and advancing to greatness with unequalled strides, under a government which was content to act within its appropriate sphere, in protecting the States and individuals in their own chosen career of improvement and of enterprise. Although the bill under consideration proposes no appropriation for a road or canal, it is not easy to perceive the difference in principle, or mischievous tendency, between appropriations for making roads and digging canals, and appropriations to deepen rivers and improve harbors. All are alike within the limits and jurisdiction of the States; and rivers and harbors, alone, open an abyss of expenditure sufficient to swallow up the wealth of the nation, and load it with a debt which may fetter its energies and tax its industry for ages to come.

The experience of several of the States, as well as that of the United States, during the period that Congress exercised the power of appropriating the public money for internal improvements, is full of eloquent warnings. It seems impossible, in the nature of the subject, as connected with local representation, that the several objects presented for improvement shall be weighed according to their respective merits, and appropriations confined to those whose importance would justify a tax on the whole community to effect their accomplishment.

In some of the States, systems of internal improvements have been projected, consisting of roads and canals, many of which, taken separately, were not of sufficient public importance to justify a tax on the entire population of the State to effect their construction; and yet, by a combination of local interests, operating on a majority of the legislature, the whole have been authorized, and the States plunged into heavy debts. To an extent so ruinous has this system of legislation been carried, in some portions of the Union, that the people have found it necessary to their own safety and prosperity to forbid their legislatures, by constitutional restrictions, to contract public debts for such purposes without their immediate consent.

If the abuse of power has been so fatal, in the States where the systems of taxation are direct, and the representatives responsible, at short periods, to small masses of constituents, how much greater danger of abuse is to be apprehended in the General Government, whose revenues are raised by indirect taxation, and whose functionaries are responsible to the people in larger masses and for longer terms?

Regarding only objects of improvement of the nature of those embraced in this bill, how inexhaustible we shall find them. Let

the imagination run along our coast, from the River St. Croix to the Rio Grande, and trace every river emptying into the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico to its source; let it coast along our lakes, and ascend all their tributaries; let it pass to Oregon, and explore all its bays, inlets, and streams; and then let it raise the curtain of the future, and contemplate the extent of this republic, and the objects of improvement it will embrace, as it advances to its high destiny, and the mind will be startled at the immensity and danger of the power which the principle of this bill involves.

Already our confederacy consists of twenty-nine States. Other States may, at no distant period, be expected to be formed on the west of our present settlements. We own an extensive country in Oregon, stretching many hundreds of miles from east to west, and seven degrees of latitude from south to north. By the admission of Texas into the Union, we have recently added many hundreds of miles to our sea-coast. In all this vast country, bordering on the Atlantic and Pacific, there are many thousands of bays, inlets, and rivers, equally entitled to appropriations for their improvement with the objects embraced in this bill.

We have seen, in our States, that the interests of individuals or neighborhoods, combining against the general interest, have involved their governments in debts and bankruptcy; and when the system prevailed in the General Government, and was checked by President Jackson, it had begun to be considered the highest merit in a member of Congress to be able to procure appropriations of might be the object. We should be blind to the experience of the past, if we did not see abundant evidences that, if this system of expenditure is to be indulged in, combinations of individual and local interests will be found strong enough to control legislation, absorb the revenues of the country, and plunge the government into a hopeless indebtedness.

What is denominated a harbor by this system, does not necessarily mean a bay, inlet, or arm of the sea, on the ocean or on our lake shores, on the margin of which may exist a commercial city or town, engaged in foreign or domestic trade; but is made to embrace waters where there is not only no such city or town, but no commerce of any kind. By it a bay, or sheet of shoal water, is called a *harbor*, and appropriations demanded from Congress to deepen it, with a view to draw commerce to it, or to enable individuals to build up a town or city on its margin, upon speculation, and for their own private advantage.

What is denominated a river, which may be improved, in the system, is equally undefined in its meaning. It may be the Mississippi, or it may be the smallest and most obscure and unimportant stream, bearing the name of river, which is to be found in any State in the Union.

Such a system is subject, moreover, to be perverted to the accomplishment of the worst of political purposes. During the few years it was in full operation, and which immediately preceded the veto of President Jackson of the Maysville road bill, instances were

numerous of public men seeking to gain popular favor by holding out to the people interested in particular localities the promise of large disbursements of public money. Numerous reconnoissances and surveys were made during that period, for roads and canals through many parts of the Union, and the people in the vicinity of each were led to believe that their property would be enhanced in value, and they themselves be enriched, by the large expenditures which they were promised, by the advocates of the system, should be made from the federal treasury in their neighborhoods. Whole sections of the country were thus sought to be influenced, and the system was fast becoming one not only of profuse and wasteful expenditure, but a potent political engine.

If the power to improve a harbor be admitted, it is not easy to perceive how the power to deepen every inlet on the ocean or the lakes, and make harbors where there are none, can be denied. If the power to clear out or deepen the channel of rivers near their mouths be admitted, it is not easy to perceive how the power to improve them to their fountain head, and make them navigable to their sources, can be denied. Where shall the exercise of the power, if it be assumed, stop? Has Congress the power, when an inlet is deep enough to admit a schooner, to deepen it still more, so that it will admit ships of heavy burden? and has it not the power, when an inlet will admit a boat, to make it deep enough to admit a schooner? May it improve rivers deep enough already to float ships [illegible] improve those which are ment exercise power and jurisdiction over the soil of a State consisting of rocks and sand-bars in the beds of its rivers? and may it not excavate a canal around its waterfalls, or across its lands, for precisely the same object?

Giving to the subject the most serious and candid consideration of which my mind is capable, I cannot perceive any intermediate grounds. The power to improve harbors and rivers for purposes of navigation, by deepening or clearing out, by dams and sluices, by locking or canalling, must be admitted, without any other limitation than the discretion of Congress, or it must be denied altogether. If it be admitted, how broad and how susceptible of enormous abuses is the power thus vested in the General Government! There is not an inlet of the ocean or the lakes, not a river, creek, or streamlet within the States, which is not brought for this purpose within the power and jurisdiction of the general government.

Speculation, disguised under the cloak of public good, will call on Congress to deepen shallow inlets, that it may build up new cities on their shores, or to make streams navigable which nature has closed by bars and rapids, that it may sell at a profit its lands upon their banks. To enrich neighborhoods, by spending within it the moneys of the nation, will be the aim and boast of those who prize their local interests above the good of the nation, and millions upon millions will be abstracted by tariffs and taxes from the earnings of the whole people to foster speculation and subserve the objects of private ambition.

Such a system could not be administered with any approach to equality among the several States and sections of the Union. There is no equality among them in the objects of expenditure, and, if the funds were distributed according to the merits of those objects, some would be enriched at the expense of their neighbors. But a greater practical evil would be found in the art and industry by which appropriations would be sought and obtained. The most artful and industrious would be the most successful; the true interests of the country would be lost sight of in an annual scramble for the contents of the treasury; and the member of Congress who could procure the largest appropriations to be expended in his district would claim the reward of victory from his enriched constituents. The necessary consequence would be sectional discontents and heartburnings, increased taxation, and a national debt, never to be extinguished.

In view of these portentous consequences, I cannot but think that this course of legislation should be arrested, even were there nothing to forbid it in the fundamental laws of our Union. This conclusion is fortified by the fact, that the Constitution itself indicates a process by which harbors and rivers within the States may be improved—a process not susceptible of the abuses necessarily to flow from the assumption of the power to improve them by the General Government; just in its operation, and actually practised upon, without complaint or interruption, during more than thirty years from the organization of the present government.

The Constitution provides that no "no State shall, without the consent of Congress, lay any duty of tonnage." With the "consent" of Congress, such duties may be levied, collected, and expended by the States. We are not left in the dark as to the objects of this reservation of power to the States. The subject was fully considered by the convention that framed the Constitution. It appears, in Mr. Madison's report of the proceedings of that body, that one object of the reservation was, that the States should not be restrained from laying duties of tonnage for the purpose of clearing harbors. Other objects were named in the debates, and among them the support of seamen. Mr. Madison, treating on this subject in the Federalist, declares that—"The restraint on the power of the States over imports and exports is enforced by all the arguments which prove the necessity of submitting the regulation of trade to the federal councils. It is needless, therefore, to remark further on this head, than that the manner in which the restraint is qualified seems well calculated at once to secure to the States a reasonable discretion in providing for the conveniency of their imports and exports, and to the United States a reasonable check against the abuse of this discretion."

The States may lay tonnage duties for clearing harbors, improving rivers, or for other purposes; but are restrained from abusing the power, because, before such duties can take effect, the "consent" of Congress must be obtained. Here is a safe provision for the improvement of harbors and rivers in the reserved powers of the States, and in the aid they may derive from duties of tonnage levied

with the consent of Congress. Its safeguards are, that both the State Legislatures and Congress have to concur in the act of raising the funds; that they are, in every instance, to be levied upon the commerce of those ports which are to profit by the proposed improvement; that no question of conflicting power or jurisdiction is involved; that the expenditure being in the hands of those who are to pay the money and be immediately benefitted, will be more carefully managed and more productive of good than if the funds were drawn from the national treasury and disbursed by the officers of the General Government; that such a system will carry with it no enlargement of federal power and patronage, and leave the States to be the sole judges of their own wants and interests, with only a conservative negative in Congress upon any abuse of the power which the States may attempt.

Under this wise system, the improvement of harbors and rivers was commenced, or rather continued, from the organization of the government under the present Constitution. Many acts were passed by the several States levying duties of tonnage, and many were passed by Congress giving their consent to those acts. Such acts have been passed by Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, and have been sanctioned by the consent of Congress. Without enumerating them all, it may be instructive to refer to some of them, as illustrative of the mode of improving harbors and rivers in the early periods of our government, as to the constitutionality of which there can be no doubt.

In January, 1790, the State of Rhode Island passed a law levying a tonnage duty on vessels arriving in the port of Providence, "for the purpose of clearing and deepening the channel of Providence river, and making the same more navigable."

On the 2d of February, 1798, the State of Massachusetts passed a law levying a tonnage duty on all vessels, whether employed in the foreign or coasting trade, which might enter into the Kennebunk river, for the improvement of the same, by "rendering the passage in and out of said river less difficult and dangerous."

On the 1st of April, 1805, the State of Pennsylvania passed a law levying a tonnage duty on vessels, "to remove the obstructions to the navigation of the river Delaware, below the city of Philadelphia."

On the 23d of January, 1804, the State of Virgiaia passed a law levying a tonnage duty on vessels, "for improving the navigation of James river."

On the 22d of February, 1826, the State of Virginia passed a law levying a tonnage duty on vessels, for "improving the navigation of James river, from Warwick to Rockett's landing."

On the 8th of December, 1824, the State of Virginia passed a law levying a tonnage duty on vessels, for "improving the navigation of Appomatox river, from Pocahontas bridge to Broadway."

In November, 1821, the State of North Carolina passed a law levying a tonnage duty on vessels, "for the purpose of opening an inlet at the lower end of Albemarle sound, near a place called

Nog's Head, and improving the navigation of said sound, with its branches;" and in November, 1828, an amendatory law was passed.

On the 21st of December, 1804, the State of South Carolina passed a law levying a tonnage duty, for the purpose of "building a marine hospital in the vicinity of Charleston;" and on the 17th of December, 1816, another law was passed by the Legislature of that State for the "maintenance of a marine hospital."

On the 10th of February, 1787, the State of Georgia passed a law levying a tonnage duty on all vessels entering into the port of Savannah, for the purpose of "clearing" the Savannah river of "wrecks and other obstructions" to the navigation.

On the 12th of December, 1804, the State of Georgia passed a law levying a tonnage duty on vessels, "to be applied to the payment of the fees of the harbor-master and health officer of the ports of Savannah and St. Mary's."

In April, 1783, the State of Maryland passed a law laying a tonnage duty on vessels, for the improvement of the "basin" and "harbor" of Baltimore and the "river Patapsco."

On the 26th of December, 1791, the State of Maryland passed a law levying a tonnage duty on vessels, for the improvement of the "harbor and port of Baltimore."

On the 28th of December, 1793, the State of Maryland passed a law authorizing the appointment of a health officer for the port of Baltimore, and laying a tonnage duty on vessels to defray the expenses.

Congress have passed many acts giving its "consent" to these and other State laws, the first of which is dated in 1790, and the last in 1843. By the latter act, the "consent" of Congress was given to the law of the Legislature of the State of Maryland, laying a tonnage duty on vessels, for the improvement of the harbor of Baltimore, and continuing it in force until the first day of June, 1850. I transmit herewith copies of such of the acts of the legislatures of the States on the subject, and also the acts of Congress giving its "consent" thereto, as have been collated.

That the power was constitutionally and rightfully exercised in these cases, does not admit of a doubt.

The injustice and inequality resulting from conceding the power to both governments, is illustrated by several of the acts enumerated. Take that for the improvement of the harbor of Baltimore. That improvement is paid for exclusively by a tax on the commerce of that city; but if an appropriation be made from the national treasury for the improvement of the harbor of Boston, it must be paid, in part, out of taxes levied on the commerce of Baltimore. The result is, that the commerce of Baltimore pays the full cost of the harbor improvement designed for its own benefit; and, in addition, contributes to the cost of all other harbor and river improvements in the Union. The facts need but be stated, to prove the inequality and injustice which cannot but flow from the practice imbodied in this bill. Either the subject should be left as it was during the first third of a century, or the practice of levying tonnage duties by the States should be abandoned altogether, and all

harbor and river improvements made under the authority of the United States, and by means of direct appropriations. In view not only of the constitutional difficulty, but as a question of policy, I am clearly of opinion that the whole subject should be left to the States, aided by such tonnage duties on vessels navigating their waters as their respective legislatures may think proper to propose, and Congress see fit to sanction. This "consent" of Congress would never be refused in any case where the duty proposed to be levied by the State was reasonable, and where the object of improvement was one of importance. The funds required for the improvement of harbors and rivers may be raised in this mode, as was done in the earlier periods of the government, and thus avoid a resort to a strained construction of the Constitution, not warranted by its letter. If direct appropriations be made of the money in the federal treasury for such purposes, the expenditures will be unequal and unjust. The money in the federal treasury is paid by a tax on the whole people of the United States; and if applied to the purposes of improving harbors and rivers, it will be partially distributed, and be expended for the advantage of particular States, sections, or localities, at the expense of others.

By returning to the early and approved construction of the Constitution, and to the practice under it, this inequality and injustice will be avoided, and, at the same time, all the really important improvements be made, and, as our experience has proved, be better made, and at less cost, than they would be by the agency of officers of the United States. The interests benefitted by these improvements, too, would bear the cost of making them, upon the same principle that the expenses of the post office establishment have always been defrayed by those who derive benefits from it. The power of appropriating money from the treasury for such improvements was not claimed or exercised for more than thirty years after the organization of the government in 1789, when a more latitudinous construction was indicated, though it was not broadly asserted and exercised until 1825. Small appropriations were first made, in 1820 and 1821, for surveys. An act was passed on the 3d of March, 1823, authorizing the President to "cause an examination and survey to be made of the obstructions between the harbor of *Gloucester* and the harbor of *Squam*, in the State of Massachusetts," and of "the entrance of the harbor of the port of Presque Isle, in Pennsylvania," with a view to their removal, and a small appropriation was made to pay the necessary expenses. This appears to have been the commencement of harbor improvements by Congress, thirty-four years after the government went into operation under the present Constitution. On the 30th of April, 1824, an act was passed making an appropriation of thirty thousand dollars, and directing "surveys and estimates to be made of the routes of such roads and canals" as the President "may deem of national importance, in a commercial or military point of view, or necessary for the transportation of the mails." This act evidently looked to the adoption of a general system of internal improvements, to embrace roads and canals as well as harbors and rivers. On the 26th May,

1824, an act was passed making appropriations for "deepening the channel leading into the harbor of Presque Isle, in the State of Pennsylvania," and to "repair Plymouth beach, in the State of Massachusetts, and thereby prevent the harbor at that place from being destroyed."

President Monroe yielded his approval to these measures, though he entertained, and had, in a message to the House of Representatives on the 4th of May, 1822, expressed the opinion that the Constitution had not conferred upon Congress the power to "adopt and execute a system of internal improvements." He placed his approval upon the ground, not that Congress possessed the power to "adopt and execute" such a system, by virtue of any or all of the enumerated grants of power in the Constitution, but upon the assumption that the power to make appropriations of the public money was limited and restrained only by the discretion of Congress. In coming to this conclusion, he avowed that, "in the more early stage of the government," he had entertained a different opinion. He avowed that his first opinion had been, that, "as the National Government is a government of limited powers, it has no right to expend money except in the performance of acts authorized by the other specific grants, according to a strict construction of their powers;" and that the power to make appropriations gave to Congress no discretionary authority to apply the public money to any other purposes or objects except to "carry into effect the powers contained in the other grants." These sound views, which Mr. Monroe entertained "in the early stage of the government," he gave up in 1822, and declared that—

"The right of appropriation is nothing more than a right to apply the public money to this or that purpose. It has no incidental power, nor does it draw after it any consequences of that kind. All that Congress could do under it, in the case of internal improvements, would be to appropriate the money necessary to make them. For any act requiring legislative sanction or support, the State authority must be relied on. The condemnation of the land, if the proprietors should refuse to sell it, the establishment of turnpikes and tolls, and the protection of the work when finished, must be done by the State. To these purposes the powers of the General Government are believed to be utterly incompetent."

But it is impossible to conceive on what principle the power of appropriating public money, when in the treasury, can be construed to extend to objects for which the Constitution does not authorize Congress to levy taxes or imposts to raise money. The power of appropriation is but the consequence of the power to raise money; and the true inquiry is, whether Congress has the right to levy taxes for the object over which power is claimed.

During the four succeeding years, embraced by the administration of President Adams, the power not only to appropriate money, but to apply it, under the direction and authority of the General Government, as well to the construction of roads as to the improvement of harbors and rivers, was fully asserted and exercised.

Among other acts assuming the power, was one passed on the

20th of May, 1826, entitled "An act for improving certain harbors and the navigation of certain rivers and creeks, and for authorizing surveys to be made of certain bays, sounds, and rivers therein mentioned." By that act, large appropriations were made, which were to be "applied, under the direction of the President of the United States," to numerous improvements in ten of the States. This act, passed thirty-seven years after the organization of the present government, contained the first appropriation ever made for the improvement of a navigable river, unless it be small appropriations for examinations and surveys in 1820. During the residue of that administration, many other appropriations of a similar character were made, embracing roads, rivers, harbors, and canals, and objects claiming the aid of Congress multiplied without number.

This was the first breach effected in the barrier which the universal opinion of the framers of the Constitution had for more than thirty years thrown in the way of the assumption of this power by Congress. The general mind of Congress and the country did not appreciate the distinction taken by President Monroe between the right to appropriate money for an object and the right to apply and expend it without the embarrassment and delay of applications to the State governments. Probably no instance occurred in which such an application was made, and the flood-gates being thus hoisted, the principle laid down by him was disregarded, and applications for aid from the treasury, virtually to make harbors as well as improve them, clear out rivers, cut canals, and construct roads, poured into Congress in torrents, until arrested by the veto of President Jackson. His veto of the Maysville road bill was followed by [illegible] his refusal to sign the "act making appropriations for building light-houses, light-boats, beacons, and monuments, placing buoys, improving harbors, and directing surveys;" "An act authorizing subscriptions for stock in the Louisville and Portland Canal Company;" "An act for the improvement of certain harbors and the navigation of certain rivers;" and, finally, "An act to improve the navigation of the Wabash river." In his objections to the act last named he says:

"The desire to embark the Federal Government in works of internal improvement prevailed, in the highest degree, during the first session of the first Congress that I had the honor to meet in my present situation. When the bill authorizing a subscription on the part of the United States for stock in the Maysville and Lexington Turnpike Company passed the two Houses, there had been reported by the Committees on Internal Improvements bills containing appropriations for such objects, exclusive of those for the Cumberland road, and for harbors and light-houses, to the amount of about one hundred and six millions of dollars. In this amount was included authority to the Secretary of the Treasury to subscribe for the stock of different companies to a great extent, and the residue was principally for the direct construction of roads by this government. In addition to these projects, which have been presented to the two Houses under the sanction and recommendation of their respective Committees on Internal Improvements, there were then

still pending before the committees, and in memorials to Congress, presented but not referred, different projects for works of a similar character, the expense of which cannot be estimated with certainty, but must have exceeded one hundred millions of dollars."

Thus, within the brief period of less than ten years after the commencement of internal improvements by the General Government, the sum asked for from the treasury for various projects amounted to more than two hundred millions of dollars. President Jackson's powerful and disinterested appeals to his country appear to have put down forever the assumption of power to make roads and cut canals, and to have checked the prevalent disposition to bring all rivers in any degree navigable within the control of the General Government. But an immense field for expending the public money and increasing the power and patronage of this government was left open in the concession of even a limited power of Congress to improve harbors and rivers—a field which millions will not fertilize to the satisfaction of those local and speculating interests by which these projects are in general gotten up. There cannot be a just and equal distribution of public burdens and benefits under such a system, nor can the States be relieved from the danger of fatal encroachment, nor the United States from the equal danger of consolidation, otherwise than by an arrest of the system, and a return to the doctrines and practices which prevailed during the first thirty years of the government.

How forcibly does the history of this subject illustrate the tendency of power to concentration in the hands of the General Government. The power to improve their own harbors and rivers was clearly reserved to the States, who were to be aided by tonnage duties levied and collected by themselves, with the consent of Congress. For thirty-four years improvements were carried on under that system, and so careful was Congress not to interfere, under any implied power, with the soil or jurisdiction of the States, that they did not even assume the power to erect light-houses or build piers without first purchasing the ground, with the consent of the States, and obtaining jurisdiction over it. At length, after the lapse of thirty-three years, an act is passed providing for the examination of certain obstructions at the mouth of one or two harbors almost unknown. It is followed by acts making small appropriations for the removal of those obstructions. The obstacles interposed by President Monroe, after conceding the power to appropriate, were soon swept away. Congress virtually assumed jurisdiction of the soil and waters of the States, without their consent, for the purposes of internal improvement; and the eyes of eager millions were turned from the State governments to Congress as the fountain whose golden streams were to deepen their harbors and rivers, level their mountains, and fill their valleys with canals. To what consequences this assumption of power was rapidly leading, is shown by the veto messages of President Jackson; and to what end it is again tending, is witnessed by the provisions of this bill, and bills of similar character.

In the proceedings and debates of the general convention which

formed the Constitution, and of the State conventions which adopted it, nothing is found to countenance the idea that the one intended to propose, or the others to concede, such a grant of power to the General Government as the building up and maintaining of a system of internal improvements within the States necessarily implies. Whatever the General Government may constitutionally create, it may lawfully protect. If it may make a road upon the soil of the States, it may protect it from destruction or injury by penal laws. So of canals, rivers, and harbors. If it may put a dam in a river, it may protect that dam from removal or injury, in direct opposition to the laws, authorities, and people of the State in which it is situated. If it may deepen a harbor, it may, by its own laws, protect its agents and contractors from being driven from their work, even by the laws and authorities of the State. The power to make a road or canal, or to dig up the bottom of a harbor or river, implies a right in the soil of the State, and a jurisdiction over it, for which it would be impossible to find any warrant.

The States were particularly jealous of conceding to the General Government any right of jurisdiction over their soil, and in the Constitution restricted the exclusive legislation of Congress to such places as might be "purchased with the consent of the States in which the same shall be, for the erection of forts, magazines, dockyards, and other needful buildings." That the United States should be prohibited from purchasing lands within the States, without their consent, even for the most essential purposes of national defence, while left at liberty to purchase or seize them for roads, canals, and other improvements of immeasurably less importance, is not to be conceived.

A proposition was made in the convention to provide for the appointment of a "secretary of domestic affairs," and make it his duty, among other things, "to attend to the opening of roads and navigation, and the facilitating communications through the United States." It was referred to a committee, and that appears to have been the last of it. On a subsequent occasion, a proposition was made to confer on Congress the power to "provide for the cutting of canals, when deemed necessary," which was rejected by the strong majority of eight States to three. Among the reasons given for the rejection of this proposition, it was urged that "the expense in such cases will fall on the United States, and the benefits accrue to the places where the canals may be cut."

During the consideration of this proposition, a motion was made to enlarge the proposed power, for "cutting canals" into a power "to grant charters of incorporation, when the interest of the United States might require, and the legislative provisions of the individual States may be incompetent;" and the reason assigned by Mr. Madison for the proposed enlargement of the power was, that it would "secure an easy communication between the States, which the free intercourse now to be opened seemed to call for. The political obstacles being removed, a removal of the natural ones, as far as possible, ought to follow."

The original proposition and all the amendments were rejected,

after deliberate discussion, not on the ground, as so much of that discussion as has been preserved indicates, that no direct grant was necessary, but because it was deemed inexpedient to grant it at all. When it is considered that some of the members of the convention, who afterwards participated in the organization and administration of the government, advocated and practised upon a very liberal constauction of the Constitution, grasping at many high powers as implied in its various provisions, not one of them, it is believed, at that day claimed the power to make roads and canals, or improve rivers and harbors, or appropriate money for that purpose. Among our early statesmen of the strict construction class, the opinion was universal, when the subject was first broached, that Congress did not possess the power, although some of them thought it desirable.

President Jefferson, in his message to Congress in 1806, recommended an amendment of the Constitution, with a view to apply an anticipated surplus in the treasury "to the great purposes of the public education, roads, rivers, canals, and such other objects of public improvement as it may be thought proper to add to the constitutional enumeration of the federal powers;" and he adds: "I suppose an amendment to the Constitution, by consent of the States, necessary, because the objects now recommended are not among those enumerated in the Constitution, and to which it permits the public moneys to be applied." In 1825, he repeated, in his published letters, the opinion that no such power has been conferred upon Congress.

President Madison, in a message to the House of Representatives of the 3d of March, 1817, assigning his objections to a bill entitled "An act to set apart and pledge certain funds for internal improvements," declares, that "the power to regulate commerce among the several States cannot include a power to construct roads and canals, and to *improve the navigation of water-courses*, in order to facilitate, promote, and secure such commerce, without a latitude of construction departing from the ordinary import of the terms, strengthened by the known inconveniences which doubtless led to the grant of this remedial power to Congress."

President Monroe, in a message to the House of Representatives of the 4th of May, 1822, containing his objections to a bill entitled "An act for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland road," declares:

"Commerce between independent powers or communities is universally regulated by duties and imposts. It was so regulated by the States before the adoption of this Constitution, equally in respect to each other and to foreign powers. The goods and vessels employed in the trade are the only subjects of regulation. It can act on none other. A power, then, to impose such duties and imposts in regard to foreign nations, and to prevent any on the trade between the States, was the only power granted.

"If we recur to the causes which produced the adoption of this Constitution, we shall find that injuries resulting from the regulation of trade by the States respectively, and the advantages anticipated from the transfer of the power to Congress, were among those

which had the most weight. Instead of acting as a nation in regard to foreign powers, the States, individually, had commenced a system of restraint on each other, whereby the interests of foreign powers were promoted at their expense. If one State imposed high duties on the goods or vessels of a foreign power, to countervail the regulations of such power, the next adjoining States imposed lighter duties, to invite those articles into their ports, that they might be transferred thence into the other States, securing the duties to themselves. This contracted policy in some of the States was soon counteracted by others. Restraints were immediately laid on such commerce by the suffering States; and thus had grown up a state of affairs disorderly and unnatural, the tendency of which was to destroy the Union itself, and with it all hope of realizing those blessings which we had anticipated from the glorious revolution which had been so recently achieved. From this deplorable dilemma, or rather, certain ruin, we were happily rescued by the adoption of the Constitution.

"Among the first and most important effects of this great revolution was the complete abolition of this pernicious policy. The States were brought together by the Constitution, as to commerce, into one community, equally in regard to foreign nations and each other. The regulations that were adopted regarded us, in both respects, as one people. The duties and imposts that were laid on the vessels and merchandise of foreign nations, were all uniform throughout the United States; and in the intercourse between the States themselves, no duties of any kind were imposed other than between different ports and counties within the same State.

"This view is supported by a series of measures, all of a marked character, preceding the adoption of the Constition. As early as the year 1781, Congress recommended it to the States to vest in the United States a power to levy a duty of five per cent. on all goods imported from foreign countries into the United States, for the term of fifteen years. In 1783, this recommendation, with alterations as to the kind of duties, and an extension of this term to twenty-five years, was repeated, and more earnestly urged. In 1784, it was recommended to the States to authorize Congress to prohibit, under certain modifications, the importation of goods from foreign powers into the United States for fifteen years. In 1785, the consideration of the subject was resumed, and a proposition presented in a new form, with an address to the States, explaining fully the principles on which a grant of the power to regulate trade was deemed indispensable. In 1786, a meeting took place at Annapolis, of delegates from several of the States, on this subject, and on their report the convention was formed at Philadelphia, the ensuing year, from all the States, to whose deliberations we are indebted for the present Constitution.

"In none of these measures was the subject of internal improvement mentioned, or even glanced at. Those of 1784, 5, 6, and 7, leading, step by step, to the adoption of the Constitution, had in view only the obtaining of a power to enable Congress to regulate trade with foreign powers. It is manifest that the regulation of

trade with the several States was altogether a secondary object, suggested by and adopted in connexion with the other. If the power necessary to this system of improvement is included under either branch of this grant, I should suppose that it was the first rather than the second. The pretension to it, however, under that branch, has never been set up. In support of the claim under the second, no reason has been assigned which appears to have the least weight."

Such is a brief history of the origin, progress, and consequences of a system which for more than thirty years after the adoption of the Constitution was unknown. The greatest embarrassment upon the subject consists in the departure which has taken place from the early construction of the Constitution, and the precedents which are found in the legislation of Congress in later years. President Jackson, in his veto of the Wabash river bill, declares, that "to inherent embarrassments have been added others, from the course of our legislation concerning it." In his vetoes on the Maysville road bill, the Rockville road bill, the Wabash river bill, and other bills of like character, he reversed the precedents which existed prior to that time on the subject of internal improvements. When our experience, observation, and reflection have convinced us that a legislative precedent is either unwise or unconstitutional, it should not be followed.

No express grant of this power is found in the constitution. Its advocates have differed among themselves as to the source from which it is derived as an incident. In the progress of the discussions upon this subject, the power to regulate commerce seems now to be chiefly relied upon, especially in reference to the improvement of harbors and rivers.

In relation to the regulation of commerce, the language of the grant in the constitution is, "Congress shall have power to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the several States, and with the Indian tribes." That to "regulate commerce" does not mean to make a road or dig a canal, or clear out a river, or deepen a harbor, would seem to be obvious to the common understanding. To "regulate" admits or affirms the pre-existence of the thing to be regulated. In this case it pre-supposes the existence of commerce, and of course the means by which and the channels through which commerce is carried on. It confers no creative power; it only assumes control over that which may have been brought into existence through other agencies, such as State legislation, and the industry and enterprise of individuals. If the definition of the word "regulate" is to include the provision of means to carry on commerce, then have Congress not only power to deepen harbors, clear out rivers, dig canals, and make roads, but also to build ships, railroad cars, and other vehicles, all of which are necessary to commerce. There is no middle ground. If the power to regulate can be legitimately construed into a power to create or facilitate, then not only the bays and harbors, but the roads and canals, and all the means of transporting merchandise among the several States, are put at the disposition of Congress. This power

to regulate commerce was construed and exercised immediately after the adoption of the constitution, and has been exercised to the present day, by prescribing general rules by which commerce should be conducted. With foreign nations it has been regulated by treaties, defining the rights of citizens and subjects, as well as by acts of Congress imposing duties and restrictions, embracing vessels, seamen, cargoes, and passengers. It has been regulated among the States by acts of Congress relating to the coasting trade, and the vessels employed therein, and for the better security of passengers in vessels propelled by steam, and by the removal of all restrictions upon internal trade. It has been regulated with the Indian tribes by our intercourse laws, prescribing the manner in which it shall be carried on. Thus each branch of this grant of power was exercised soon after the adoption of the constitution, and has continued to be exercised to the present day. If a more extended construction be adopted, it is impossible for the human mind to fix on a limit to the exercise of the power other than the will and discretion of Congress. It sweeps into the vortex of national power and jurisdiction not only harbors and inlets, rivers and little streams, but canals, turnpikes, and railroads—every species of improvement which can facilitate or create trade and intercourse "with foreign nations, among the several States, and with the Indian tribes."

Should any great object of improvement exist in our widely extended country, which cannot be effected by means of tonnage duties, levied by the States, with the concurrence of Congress, it is safer and wiser to apply to the States, in the mode prescribed by the constitution, for an amendment of that instrument, whereby the powers of the general government may be enlarged, with such limitations and restrictions as experience has shown to be proper, than to assume and exercise a power which has not been granted, or which may be regarded as doubtful in the opinion of a large portion of our constituents. This course has been recommended successively by Presidents Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, and Jackson; and I fully concur with them in opinion. If an enlargement of power should be deemed proper, it will unquestionably be granted by the States; if otherwise, it will be withheld; and, in either case, their decision should be final. In the meantime, I deem it proper to add, that the investigation of this subject has impressed me more strongly than ever with the solemn conviction that the usefulness and permanency of this government, and the happiness of the millions over whom it spreads its protection, will be best promoted by carefully abstaining from the exercise of all powers not clearly granted by the constitution.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *December* 15, 1847.

By unanimous consent, the House proceeded to the consideration of the said message: when

Mr. Wentworth moved that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce, and that it be printed.

And, after debate,

Mr. Vinton moved that the said message be referred to a select committee.

And, after further debate,

On motion of Mr. Schenck, the House, at ten minutes past 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned.

## THURSDAY, December 16, 1847.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers were laid upon the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Morse: The petition of the Red River Railroad Company—heretofore presented April 30, 1846.

By Mr. Harmanson: The petition of the mayor, members of council, and other citizens of the city of Lafayette—heretofore presented February 5, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Rose: The petition of Major Moses Van Campen—heretofore presented March 11, 1846.

By Mr. Jacob Thompson: The petition of the heirs of Colonel David Hopkins—heretofore presented February 10, 1846.

By Mr. Woodward: The petition of the administrator of General Thomas Sumpter—heretofore presented January 6, 1844.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Taylor: The petition of Thomas Scott—heretofore presented January 24, 1846;

Also, the petition of Samuel Reed—heretofore presented January 21, 1846.

By Mr. Woodward: The petition of G. Stalker and N. B. Hill—heretofore presented March 27, 1846.

By Mr. Harmanson: The petition of the heirs of James Brown, praying the re-enactment of an act passed in June, 1834, for their relief.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Rose: The petition of Aurie W. Angus, widow of Samuel Angus, deceased—heretofore presented January, 1840.

By Mr. Murphy: The petition of Edward Meyers, praying a pension on account of services rendered and disabilities incurred, while acting in the United States navy, during the last war with Great Britain;

Also, the petition of Charles W. Babbit, praying for relief for service as carpenter, in the employ of government.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Harmanson: The petition of James G. Carson—heretofore presented February 13, 1846;

Also, the petition of Charles Cappel—heretofore presented February 4, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. C. J. Ingersoll: The petition of John F. Ohl—heretofore presented February 22, 1827: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of citizens of Hillsborough county, in the State of Florida, praying a mail route from Millersville to Fort Brook, and from Fort Brook to Key West.

By Mr. James Thompson: The petition of citizens of Warren county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying the establishment of a post office at Enterprise, and an alteration in the mail route to accommodate it.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

By Mr. J. G. Chapman: Two petitions of the citizens of the District of Columbia, praying for free bridges over the eastern branch of the Potomac—heretofore presented February 11, 1846: which were referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of James France—heretofore presented March 9, 1846.

By Mr. Jenkins: The petition of Aaron Stafford, of Sangersfield, Oneida county, in the State of New York, praying for a pension on account of wounds and disabilities received while acting as adjutant, during the last war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Gott: The petition of citizens of Lysander, county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, praying that such measures may be taken as will put a stop to the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Dickinson: The petition of citizens of Ohio, praying the consideration of that portion of the treaty of Brownstown, entered into in the year 1808, which provides for the establishment of a road, to run southwardly, from Lower Sandusky to the Granville treaty line: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Nathan Evans: The petition of Clarinda Mix, widow of Amos Mix, deceased—heretofore presented February 1, 1845;

Also, the petition of Elizabeth Clapper, widow of George Clapper, deceased—heretofore presented July 24, 1846.

By Mr. Fulton: The petition of Peter Rife, praying an increase of his pension.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Morris: The petition of citizens of the United States, praying that the public lands be free, and the jurisdiction of them be transferred to States or Territories, only on condition that such disposition be made of them.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of Nathan P. Bemis, a citizen of Leon county, in the State of Florida, praying a grant of land, for the purpose of experimenting in the manufacture of turpentine.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Daniel P. King, of Massachusetts, was appointed, by the Speaker, a member of the Committee of Accounts, in place of Mr. Linn Boyd, excused from serving on said Committee at his own request.

The Speaker announced, as the business first in order, the report of the Select Committee upon the Rules, which was made the special order for this day on Tuesday last: when,

On motion of Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said special order be postponed until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

The Speaker announced, as the business next in order, the unfinished business of yesterday, being the message of the President of the United States, received yesterday, relative to the improvement of rivers and harbors.

The questions pending are,

*First.* The motion made by Mr. Wentworth, that the said message be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

*Second.* The motion made by Mr. Vinton, that it be referred to a select committee.

And, after debate, and while proceeding upon the same,

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Dickens, their Secretary, as follows, to wit:

*Mr. Speaker:* I am directed by the Senate to notify the House of Representatives of the death of the honorable Jesse Speight, late one of the Senators from the State of Mississippi, who died during the late recess of Congress—

And then he withdrew.

And thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Jacob Thompson, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That this House has heard, with deep sensibility, the announcement of the death of the honorable Jesse Speight, a Senator in Congress from the State of Mississippi.

*Resolved*, That, as a testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, the members and officers of this House will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

*Resolved*, That the proceedings of this House, in relation to the death of the honorable Jesse Speight, be communicated to his family, by the Clerk.

*Resolved*, That, as a further mark of respect, this House do now adjourn.

And thereupon,

The House accordingly adjourned.

## FRIDAY, December 17, 1847.

The Speaker announced, as the business first in order, the report of the Select Committee on the Rules of the House, which was made the special order for yesterday on Tuesday last, and postponed until this day: when,

On motion of Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll,

*Ordered*, That the said special order be further postponed, until to-morrow.

And thereupon,

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, by unanimous consent of the House, made a further report, in part, from the Select Committee on Rules: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, by unanimous consent of the House, reported a bill from the Committee on the Judiciary, (No. 1,) supplementary to the act entiled "An act to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States in certain cases, and for other purposes:" which bill was read a first and second time and made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Botts, by unanimous consent of the House, asked and obtained leave, and introduced a joint resolution (No. 1) authorizing the Postmaster General to renew his engagements with the Richmond and other railroads: which resolution was read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Petitions, memorials, and other papers were laid upon the Clerk's table, under the rule, viz.:

By Mr. Wick: The petition of James McAvoy—heretofore presented December 9, 1844.

By Mr. La Sère: The petition of Ann B. Cox, widow and executrix of Nathaniel Cox, deceased, late navy agent—heretofore presented December 15, 1846;

Also, the petition of Mary L. Keen, widow and administratrix of Elisha L. Keen, deceased, of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, praying the repayment of a sum of money disbursed by her late husband from his private means, whilst attached to the recruiting service at New York.

By Mr. Dunn: The petition of Thomas B. Graham, of Washington, county of Daviess, in the State of Indiana, praying relief on account of damage incurred by the wrecking of a flatboat loaded with corn, coming in contact with the United States steam-frigate Alleghany, then lying at loose anchor in the current of the Mississippi.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of Ephraim F. Gilbert, of the State of New York, praying relief on account of money kept back by the third auditor, in adjusting his claim under an act of Congress appropriating money for that purpose.

By Mr. William T. Lawrence: The petition of A. K. Hughes, a passed midshipman, praying relief for expenses incurred while sick at Port Praya.

By Mr. Pendleton: The petition of John Mason—heretofore presented February 10, 1846.

By Mr. La Sère: The petition of A. Boclonis and A. D. Robert—heretofore presented December 15, 1846.

By Mr. Mullin: The petition of John O. Dickey, late collector of the customs at Sackett's Harbor, in the State of New York, pray-

ing his moiety of a fine imposed and collected from William Quick, for a violation of the revenue laws of the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. La Sère: The petition of Frederic Durrive—heretofore presented June 6, 1846.

By Mr. Mullin: The petition of John B. Goodenough—heretofore presented December 9, 1845.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of Thomas Jenne—heretofore presented May 17, 1844.

By Mr. Hunt: The petition of Lewis Benedict, of Albany, in the State of New York, praying a law authorizing him to locate and enter a section of land, that he purchased of Ahbetekezhic, a chief of the Pottawattomie Indians.

By Mr. Turner: The petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying an act authorizing Loring Snow to enter a certain quarter section of land, at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Cranston: The petition of Godfrey Wenwood—heretofore presented December 9, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Dunn: The petition of citizens of the counties of Monroe and Lawrence, in the State of Indiana, praying the establishing a mail route from Salem, in Washington county, to Bloomington, in the county of Monroe: which was referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

By Mr. Sylvester: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, praying the erection of three light-houses on the banks of the Hudson river.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of citizens of the city of Buffalo, in the State of New York, praying an appropriation to complete the outer works and sea-walls of the harbor at Buffalo.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of citizens of Fulton county, in the State of Indiana—heretofore presented December 29, 1847.

By Mr. Strong: The petition of Daniel V. Quenaudon and many citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying the grant of a county of the public lands in the Oregon territory, for the purpose of establishing a colony.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of the trustees of town 38, north of range 5 east, in the county of Elkhart, and State of Indiana—heretofore presented December 29, 1845;

Also, the petition of citizens of Cass county, in the State of Indiana—heretofore presented December 11, 1845.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Cranston: The petition of Nancy Tompkins—heretofore presented December 20, 1838;

Also, the petition of Elizabeth Mays—heretofore presented February 5, 1840.

By Mr. La Sère: The petition of John Crosby, administrator of Andrew L. Crosby, deceased, late purser in the navy, of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, praying a pension for five years, for the benefit of the heirs;

Also, the petition of W. A. C. Farragut, a lieutenant in the United States navy, praying that he be promoted to the rank of captain; and, in consideration of his services and impaired health, from exposure and hardships, to the benefit of his promotion from and since the year 1837.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Collamer: The petition of Phineas Raymond, of the county of Windsor, in the State of Vermont, praying a pension on account of services rendered during the revolutionary war;

Also, the petition of Polly Aldrich, of Royalton, in the county of Windsor, and State of Vermont, widow of Clark Aldrich, deceased, a revolutionary soldier, praying for a pension.

By Mr. Murphy: The petition of John Manley, a midshipman in the navy during the war of the revolution—heretofore presented March 19, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Venable: The petition of Darius Hawkins, a captain in the militia of the State of New York in the late war with Great Britain, praying a pension on account of wounds and disabilities received during said war.

By Mr. Collamer: The petition of Silas Waterman—heretofore presented December, 1846.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of I. B. Fulwiler, and other citizens of the State of Indiana—heretofore presented February 18, 1847;

Also, the petition of citizens of Terre Coupee, praying relief to Samuel Hann, on account of his services in the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. William T. Lawrence: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, praying an increase of the pension of Jesse Young, a soldier in the late war with Great Britain, on account of his inability to support himself.

By Mr. Mullin: The petition of Giles Loudon, of Orleans, Jefferson county, in the State of New York, praying a pension on account of disability incurred in the war of 1812.

By Mr. Crosier: The petition of James Killen, of the State of Tennessee, praying a pension on account of the loss of one eye, incurred by the hardships endured in the service of the United States as a soldier during the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Conger: The petition of William Slocum—heretofore presented December 10, 1844.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of citizens of Salineville, in the county of Columbiana, and State of Ohio, praying that such measures may be adopted as will put a speedy termination to the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Collamer: The petition of ladies of the county of Windsor, in the State of Vermont, praying the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of Catherine Clark, of the city of New York, widow of Joseph Clark, deceased, praying a pension on account of the services rendered, and the wounds and disabilities incurred, in the battle at Tripoli, in the years 1804 and 1805, of her deceased husband.

By Mr. Pendleton: The petition of Thomas Ap Catesby Jones—heretofore presented December 22, 1845.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Abbott: The petition of citizens of Newbury and Newburyport, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that all just and honorable means be used for securing an immediate and permanent peace with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of citizens of the State of Indiana—heretofore presented February 13, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Richard K. Meade rose, and announced that the honorable George C. Dromgoole, a member elect of this House from the State of Virginia, died at his residence in said State, during the late recess of Congress.

And thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Meade the following resolutions were adopted unanimously, viz.:

*Resolved*, That this House deeply regrets the death of the honorable George C. Dromgoole, a late member of this House from the State of Virginia.

*Resolved*, That the members and officers of this House will testify their respect for the memory of the deceased by wearing the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be communicated to the nearest relatives of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That, as a further mark of respect, this House do now adjourn.

And thereupon,

The House accordingly adjourned.

## SATURDAY, December 18, 1847.

The Speaker announced, as the business first in order, the report of the Select Committee upon the Rules of the House, which was made the special order for Thursday last, and postponed until this day: when,

By the unanimous consent of the House,

Mr. Washington Hunt presented a preamble and resolution of the Legislature of the State of New York, in relation to the proposed construction of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean, in the Territory of Oregon.

*Ordered*, That the said preamble and resolutions be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, and printed.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the said special order, viz: the report upon rules; and the following rule, reported by the said committee on Tuesday last, as a substitute for the 33d rule, as the same existed at the close of last Congress, was read, as follows:

1. It shall be in order to entertain a motion when made, to limit the time which each member may occupy in debating any question in the House or committee, to a period not less than one hour: provided, that where the House has made an order fixing the time for discharging the committee from the further consideration of any bill, or other matter referred to it, (after acting without debate on all amendments pending or that may be offered,) debate by any one member before such order takes effect, may be limited to one-quarter of an hour, and thereafter the member who reported the measure under consideration from any committee, may debate the same for one hour; and any member shall be allowed in committee five minutes to explain the object, nature, and effect of any amendment which he may offer; and all motions made to carry out this rule shall be decided without debate.

The question, first in order, being on agreeing to the following amendment, reported by the said committee yesterday, in place of the foregoing rule, viz:

No member shall occupy more than one hour and a half in debate on any question in the House or in committee; but a member reporting the measure under consideration from a committee, may open and close the debate; provided that where debate is closed by order of the House, any member shall be allowed in committee five minutes to explain any amendment he may offer.

The said amendment was read: when

Mr. Pollock moved to amend the said amendment, by striking out the words "*and a half.*"

And, after debate,

Mr. Isaac E. Holmes, moved, at 1 o'clock and forty-seven minutes, that the House adjourn: which motion was disagreed to; and Mr. Goggin moved that the said rule under consideration be laid upon the table: which motion was disagreed to.

The question recurred on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Pollock;

And, after debate,

Mr. Brodhead moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered, and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said motion made by Mr. Pollock?

And decided in the affirmative.

And the amendment proposed by the committee yesterday, as thus amended, was then agreed to by the House. And

The question was then put, Shall the said rule be adopted in lieu of the 33d rule of the House as it existed at the close of last Congress?

And decided in the affirmative.

In further proceeding with the said report, the following rule was read, viz.—being rule 2d:

After any bill, resolution, or other matter is entered on the calendar, any member may register his name with the Clerk as intending to debate the same; and when such bill, resolution, or other matter is under consideration, the Speaker or chairman shall call on each member to speak in an order to be settled by lot, under the direction of the Speaker: provided, that the member who reported the same from any committee of the House, may, at his option, open and close the debate.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, by direction of the said committee, moved to amend the said report, by striking out the said rule.

So the said rule was stricken out.

The following rule was then read as a part of the said report:

Members may address the House or committee from the Clerk's desk, or from a place near the Speaker's chair.

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

The following rule was then read as a part of the said report, viz:

The Speaker shall not entertain a motion to suspend the rules of the House, at any time, except on Monday of every week, and *except during the last ten days of the session;* provided nothing herein contained shall be construed to alter so much of the 133d rule as provides as follows: "The House may, at any time, by a vote of a majority of the members present, suspend the rules and orders for the purpose of going into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, also, for providing for the discharge of the committee from the further consideration of any bill referred to it, after acting, without debate, on all amendments pending, and that may be offered."

Mr. Woodward moved to amend the same, by striking out the words "*except during the last ten days of the session,*" where they now occur in the said rule, and inserting the same at the beginning of the rule; which amendment was agreed to.

And the question was then put on agreeing to the said rule as amended.

And decided in the affirmative.

The following rule was then read as a part of said report, viz:

Whenever the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, or the Committee of the Whole House finds itself without a quorum, the chairman shall cause the roll of the House to be called, and thereupon the committee shall rise, and the chairman shall report the names of the absentees to the House, which shall be entered on the Journal.

And the question was put, Will the House agree to the said rule? And decided in the affirmative.

The following rule was then read as a part of said report, viz:

In Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, all business shall be considered and concluded in the order of reference to them by the House, except general appropriation bills, and, in time of war, bills for raising money or men, and bills concerning a treaty of peace, which may be preferred at the discretion of the committee.

And the question was stated, Will the House agree to the same? When

Mr. Collamer moved to amend the same, by inserting after the word "*the*," where it first occurs in the said rule, the words "*Whole House and in Committee of the;*" and

The question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment proposed by Mr. Collamer?

It was decided in the affirmative.

And the said rule, as thus amended, was then agreed to by the House.

The following rule was then read as a part of said report, viz:

In addition to the other standing committees of the House, there shall be one called the Smithsonian Committee, whose duty it shall be to superintend the affairs of the Smithsonian Institution.

And, after debate,

Mr. Hilliard moved to postpone the further consideration thereof until this day twelve-month.

By unanimous consent of the House,

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the estimates of appropriations, transmitted to the House by the Secretary of the Treasury on the 6th instant, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Petitions, memorials, and other papers, were this day laid upon the Clerk's table under the 24th rule of the House:

By Mr. Putnam: The petition of J. W. Nye, praying an examination and the payment of his account against the House of Representatives: which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

By Mr. Daniel: The petition of Thomas A. Williams and James Graham—heretofore presented July 27, 1846.

By Mr. James A. Rockwell: The petition of Bernard Todd—heretofore presented February 10, 1846.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The petition of Peter Shaffer—heretofore presented December 17, 1844;

Also, the petition of John W. Hockett—heretofore presented December 11, 1844.

By Mr. Harmanson: The petition of L. E. L. A. Ripley, the only legal representative of Eleazer Wheelock Ripley—heretofore presented May 15, 1846.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of William G. Davis and Mary Ann Davis—heretofore presented January 7, 1847.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of Daniel Robinson—heretofore presented December 19, 1844.

By Mr. Pillsbury: The petition of Bryan Callaghan, of San An-

tonio de Bexar, in the State of Texas, praying compensation for goods destroyed by the United States troops under Colonel Harney.

By Mr. Caleb B. Smith: The petition of Mary B. Renner, widow of Daniel Renner, deceased—heretofore presented January 8, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of Captain Henry M. Shreve—heretofore presented December 9, 1845.

By Mr. James G. Hampton: The petition of John J. Adams, a citizen of the State of New Jersey, praying the extension of a patent of his invention for flattening cylinder window glass—heretofore presented May 13, 1846.

By Mr. Butler: The petition of John Pettibone and the other heirs of Daniel Pettibone, deceased, praying relief on account of the use of the patent rarifying air stove, now in the Capitol, for heating the halls of the Senate and House of Representatives.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. John B. Thompson: The petition of B. Rowan Hardin, praying a grant of one hundred and sixty acres of land on account of his expenses and services in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of Philip J. Slaughter, praying compensation for his services as a volunteer in the war with Mexico.

By Mr. John H. Harmanson: The petition of John Tucker—heretofore presented January 20, 1847;

Also, the petition of Louis A. Lald—heretofore presented December 29, 1846;

Also, the petition of William W. Wall—heretofore presented April 20, 1846;

Also, the petition of Anthony Bessey—heretofore presented February 11, 1846;

Also, the petition of Joseph Walker—heretofore presented January 18, 1847;

Also, the petition of the heirs of François Gremillion—heretofore presented April 4, 1846;

Also, the petition of James Morgan—heretofore presented December 26, 1846;

Also, the petition of the heirs and assigns of Elizabeth Burriss—heretofore presented February 28, 1842;

Also, the petition of James B. Davenport—heretofore presented June 17, 1846;

Also, the petition of Marcus Fulton Johnson—heretofore presented June 10, 1846.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of the heirs of Julien Dubuque, deceased—heretofore presented December 11, 1845.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Beale: The petition of the heirs of Presley Thornton—heretofore presented February 18, 1846.

By Mr. Harmanson: The petition of the heirs of Lathrop Allen, deceased—heretofore presented December 22, 1846.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of Clement Sewell—heretofore presented December 16, 1828.

By Mr. James G. Hampton: The petition of John Moore White—heretofore presented December 18, 1846.

By Mr. McIlvaine: The petition of the heirs of W. A. Atlee—heretofore presented April 16, 1846.

By Mr. Beale: The petition of John Taliaferro, administrator and legal representative of Sarah Ann Dye, deceased, widow of Jonathan Dye, deceased, late a lieutenant in the continental line of the army of the United States—heretofore presented March 5, 1838.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of Hyam M. Solamon—heretofore presented December 29, 1845.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Tallmadge: Documents relating to the claims of Reuben E. Gentry and others—heretofore presented December 30, 1845.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of the States of Illinois and Indiana, praying the confirmation of the title to the holders of certain Indian titles, or conveyances of Indian reservations.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of George R. Smith, of the county of Pettis, in the State of Missouri, praying additional compensation for mail service—heretofore presented May 4, 1846.

By Mr. Turner: Two petitions of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying for a mail route from Belvidere, in the State of Illinois, to Shellsburg, in the Territory of Wisconsin.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of Henry Gardner and others, directors of the New England Mississippi Land Company—heretofore presented January 20, 1846.

By Mr. McIlvaine: The petition of Kennet monthly meeting of the religious Society of Friends, in the county of Chester, and State of Pennsylvania, praying that all constitutional means be used to abolish slavery and the traffic of slaves in the District of Columbia.

*Ordered*, That said petition be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of Lewis H. Bates and William Lacon—heretofore presented January 8, 1844.

By Mr. Hale: The petition of Joseph Holmes, for the schooner Bounty—heretofore presented January 21, 1847.

Also, the petition of Joseph Holmes, for the schooner Industry—heretofore presented December 26, 1844.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of George H. Ward—heretofore presented February 6, 1847.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. McClelland: The petition of William McKosky—heretofore presented February 6, 1846.

By Mr. Harmanson: The petition of Richmond Dennis—heretofore presented February 28, 1846.

By Mr. R. Smith: The petition of Edward Keating, mayor of the city of Alton, in the State of Illinois, praying a grant to the city of certain unsurveyed lands, lying within the limits of said city.

By Mr. Bowlin: A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Missouri, in relation to the draining the Great swamps—heretofore presented February 27, 1847.

By Mr. Green: The petition of citizens of township 59, range No. 12, in Shelby county, in the State of Missouri, praying the grant of a section of land in lieu of the sixteenth section.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of John Ericsson—heretofore presented May 17, 1844;

Also, the petition of Charles Reeder—heretofore presented January 22, 1846.

By Isaac E. Holmes: The petition of William A. Christian, of New Kent, in the State of Virginia, a purser in the United States navy, praying the allowance of certain items suspended by the fourth auditor in the settlement of his accounts, for payments made to acting forward officers on board the United States steamer Princeton;

Also, the petition of George Hervey, agent for owners and consignees of English ship James Mitchell, praying for the payment of balance of $1,350 55, due on an appropriation made by Congress for the relief of Alexander Claxton.

By Mr. Nicoll: The petition of Benjamin J. Cahoone, a purser in the navy, praying to have monies refunded paid by him for the services of a clerk, and not allowed in the payment of his accounts.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Farrelly: The petition of William Amberson, administrator of Lieutenant William Amberson, deceased—heretofore presented March 10, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Abbott: The petition of Moses Noyes, and the heirs of Wadleigh Noyes, deceased—heretofore presented January 17, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Goggin: The petition of Nathaniel Shiflett—heretofore presented December 16, 1845.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of Robert T. Norris—heretofore presented December 20, 1844.

By Mr. N. Evans: The petition of Samuel Gray—heretofore presented December 18, 1846.

By Mr. Isaac E. Holmes: The petition of Eliza S. Roberts, widow of Lieutenant Moses A. Roberts, deceased, late of the United States army, praying a pension on account of a disease contracted, and which caused the death of her late husband, during the war of 1812.

By Mr. Robert McClelland: The petition of Elvira T. Smith, of

Monroe, in the State of Michigan, widow of Major Henry Smith, deceased, late in the Quartermaster's department, praying a pension on account of the death of her late husband at Vera Cruz, whilst in the service of the United States.

By Mr. H. Williams: The petition of William Pool, of Calais, in the county of Washington, and State of Maine, praying the arrears of his pension.

By Mr. William T. Lawrence: The petition of Charles Cook and others, citizens of Hector, in the county of Tompkins, and State of New York, praying an increase of the pension of Jesse Young, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The memorial and documents of Alvin C. Goell—heretofore presented February 5, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the report of the superintendent of the coast survey, showing the progress of that work for the last year: which letter and report were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll moved that extra copies of the said report be printed: which motion was laid upon the table one day, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, it was by general consent

*Resolved*, That the rules of the House at the last session of Congress, together with the modifications of them this day adopted, be henceforth the rules and regulations of this House during the session of Congress.

The House again resumed the consideration of the 7th rule: and

Mr. Hilliard modified his motion, so that the said rule should be postponed until the 3d day of January next:

Which was agreed to by the House.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Stanton, the House, at 3 o'clock and 23 minutes, adjourned.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1847.

The Speaker announced, as the business first in order, the calling of the States for the presentation of petitions, commencing at the State of Maine: when

Mr. Peaslee gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills of the following titles, viz.:

A bill for the settlement of the claims of New Hampshire against the United States; and

A bill to change the place of holding courts in New Hampshire.

The following petitions were then presented:

By Mr. Hale: A petition of the heirs of Joshua Eddy, late of Middleborough, in the State of Massachusets, who was a revolutionary officer, praying for commutation pay due to their said an-

cestor: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. John Quincy Adams presented a petition of Photius Kavasales, praying for permission to change his name, and moved that it be referred to a select Committee.

Debate arising upon the reference of the said petition, it was laid over, under the rule.

Mr. John Quincy Adams presented a petition of John Mitchell, of Kennebunk, in the State of Maine, late a seaman on board the United States steamship Alabama, and was wounded while engaged in celebrating the victories of Generals Scott and Taylor, on the 15th day of May last, praying that his name may be inserted upon the invalid pension roll: which petition was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. John Quincy Adams presented a petition of citizens of Ross county, in the State of Ohio, praying that all constitutional powers may be used for effecting a speedy termination of the war with Mexico, by withdrawing our troops within the limits of our own territory, and settling the point in dispute either by negotiation or by some form of fair and honorable reference.

Mr. Adams moved that the said petition be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Boyd moved that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs: which motion was disagreed to: and

The question recurred on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Adams; when

Mr. Truman Smith moved that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. John Quincy Adams presented a petition of John P. Andrews, of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for an amicable termination of the war with Mexico: which petition was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Cranston presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Rhode Island, in favor of the plan of Asa Whitney for a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific coast: which resolutions were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

By Mr. Cranston: The memorial of Philip Allen and others, praying payment for spoliations on their property, committed by the French previous to 1800: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of Zilpha White, of Tolland, in the State of Connecticut, widow of William White, deceased, praying a pension for services rendered by her late husband during the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Hunt: The petition of Calvin Bishop and others, citizens of the State of New York, praying an appropriation for improving Buffalo harbor: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: Three like petitions of citizens of the State of New York: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The petition of Colonel Hugh W. Dobbin, late colonel commandant of the New York volunteers, praying recompense for his services during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Gott: The memorial of citizens of De Witt, in the county of Onondaga, and State of New York, praying a termination of the war with Mexico, and that no Mexican territory be added to the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of Jordan L. Mott and J. J. Greenough, in behalf of the executive committee of the convention of inventors, praying a revision of the patent laws: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Pollock: The petition of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying for certain alterations in the naturalization laws: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

Also, the petition of William P. Brady, praying a pension for services rendered, and wounds and disabilities incurred, during the last war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions;

Also, the petition of Alexander Wallace—heretofore presented December 15, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions;

Also, the petition of Captain Alexander McEwin—heretofore presented: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The petition of citizens of Alleghany county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying a daily mail route from Pittsburg down the Ohio river, by steamboat, to some convenient point; thence west, through New Lisbon, Canton, and Wooster, to Mansfield: which was ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Andrew Stewart: The petition of George Mowry, praying relief on account of services rendered as deputy marshal in the western district of the State of Pennsylvania: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Alexander Evans: The petition of James C. Mansfield, of the State of Delaware, and Alfred C. Nowland, of the State of Maryland, the next friends of Mary Mathews Nowland, praying relief from a suit of the United States Court: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The petition of citizens of Pensacola—heretofore presented May 30, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Bocock: The petition of the heirs of James Taylor, deceased, who was a private, lieutenant, and brigade major in the revolutionary war, praying relief by paying them for his services: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions;

Also, the petition of William M. Blackford, late chargé d'affaires of the United States to the republic of New Grenada, praying for a

balance, his due for services rendered: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The petition of the heirs of Silas Duncan—heretofore presented December 10, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs;

Also, the petition of Lieutenant James S. Glynn—heretofore presented December 16, 1840: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs;

Also, the petition of I. W. Simington and J. Whitehead and others—heretofore presented December 9, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs;

Also, the petition of Samuel T. Anderson—heretofore presented December 11, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs;

Also, the petition of Hannah Betts, administratrix of Jesse Raymond, deceased—heretofore presented April 3, 1846: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means;

Also, the memorial of Purser Joseph Bryan—heretofore presented February 16, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs;

Also, the petition of Thomas M. Newell—heretofore presented February 16, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs;

By Mr. French: The petition of John Young—heretofore presented January 2, 1844;

Also, the petition of Mary Shuffield, widow of George Shuffield—heretofore presented December 10, 1844: which petitions were ordered to be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions;

Also, the petition of James Fugate—heretofore presented December 15, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Boyd: The petition of Louis F. Beeler and others, of the Baltimore battalion, praying to be allowed certain mileage as volunteers in the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee of Claims;

Also, the petition of James E. Stewart, praying to be allowed colonel's pay whilst serving as colonel in the Baltimore battalion, in the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The memorial of Charles S. Jackson, of the State of Illinois, deputy inspector at the port of Philadelphia, praying an equitable adjustment of his claims against the government: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Lincoln: The petition of A. G. Henry, of Pekin, in the State of Illinois, praying reimbursement for expenses in supplying volunteers: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Ficklin: The memorial of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying the right of pre-emption to the lands through which the Great Western Railroad may pass: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of Satterlee Clark—heretofore presented January 26, 1847;

Also, the petition of William Culver—heretofore presented December 22, 1843.

By Mr. Conger: The petition of Daniel Brown—heretofore presented December 24, 1833;

Also, the petition of Daniel Brown, praying relief on account of the loss of a horse and other property whilst in the service of the United States in the year 1813.

By Mr. William T. Lawrence: The petition of George Reeder, praying payment for losses sustained and injuries received by the British in their incursion in the territory of the United States, on the Niagara frontier, during the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of Andrew A. Jones—heretofore presented January 14, 1846.

By Mr. La Sere: The petition of James W. Breedlove, late collector of the customs for the port of New Orleans, praying to be refunded the amount of counterfeit coin received by the cash clerk of the custom-house during his term of office.

By Mr. Hilliard: The memorial of Louisa F. and William C. Zantzinger, administrators of William P. Zantzinger—heretofore presented January 26, 1846.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The petition of S. Morris Waln—heretofore presented January 20, 1834.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of Moses E. Levy—heretofore presented December 26, 1844.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The petition of the city council of Savannah, the Savannah chamber of commerce, and the commissioners of pilotage, praying an appropriation to remove the wrecks and improve the naval anchorage in the harbor of Savannah.

By Mr. White: The petition of W. B. Fitzgerald—heretofore presented January 27, 1846.

By Mr. Isaac E. Holmes: The petition of Lieutenant James L. Parker and others, survivors of the crew of the United States brig Somers, praying indemnification for losses sustained by the capsizing of said brig in maintaining the blockade of the harbor of Vera Cruz.

By Mr. Clapp: The petition of Ann Grassam, widow of Joshua Patfield, deceased, praying a pension on account of the services and decease of her late husband during the war of 1812 with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Conger: The petition of Samuel Hutchinson—heretofore presented February 5, 1840.

By Mr. Palfrey: The petition of Sarah Nixon, widow of Captain Thomas Nixon, deceased, praying a pension on account of the services of her late husband during the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Franklin Clark: The petition of Caroline W. Cone, of

Newcastle, in the county of Lincoln, and State of Maine, widow of Jared Cone, deceased, praying a pension on account of the services of her late husband during the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Barringer: The petition of Eve Boggs, widow of John Boggs—heretofore presented April 25, 1846.

By Mr. Putnam: The petition of Anna Giffin—heretofore presented December 29, 1845.

By Mr. Charles Brown: The petition of Catharine Abel, widow of John Abel, deceased, praying a pension in consideration of the services of her late husband during the revolutionary war.

By Mr. Williams: The petition of Anna Smith and others, praying for the renewal of the act of Congress allowing pensions to widows of revolutionary soldiers, which expires on the 4th of March next.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Andrew Johnson: The petition of Russell Goss—heretofore presented March 23, 1846.

By Mr. Birdsall: The petition of Richard Reynolds—heretofore presented January 15, 1838.

By Mr. John Quincy Adams: The petition of John Mitchell, a native of Kennebunk, in the State of Maine, praying a pension on account of the loss of both of his arms whilst in the service of the United States.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of William B. Edwards—heretofore presented January 7, 1847.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Wilmot: The petition of the heirs of Captain Bartlett Hinds—heretofore presented December 22, 1846.

By Mr. Boyd: The petition of the heirs of John Townes—heretofore presented December 17, 1844.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of the executors of Captain Henry Pawling, deceased—heretofore presented January 11, 1847.

By Mr. Hale: The petition of the heirs of Joshua Eddy, deceased, praying the payment of the extra pay due the said Joshua Eddy, deceased, as a deranged officer in the revolutionary war.

By Mr. Beale: The petition of Clara McWilliams, praying that a portion of the public lands may be set apart for the location of Virginia military land warrants.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Truman Smith: The memorial of J. W. Zachariah, for himself and others, heirs of Stephen Zachariah, deceased, of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, praying remuneration for depredations committed by armed vessels of France during the years from 1793 and 1800, inclusive;

Also, the memorial of William Ling and Elizabeth O'Brien, in behalf of herself and the heirs of Richard O'Brien, deceased, of Cumberland, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying remuneration for

depredations committed by armed vessels of France during the years from 1793 and 1800, inclusive;

Also, the memorial of Robert Jamison, administrator of William Willson, deceased, of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying remuneration for spoliations committed by French armed vessels during the years from 1793 and 1800, inclusive;

Also, the memorial of Robert Walker Mackay, for self and other heirs of Robert Walker, deceased, of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, praying remuneration for spoliations committed by French armed vessels during the years from 1793 and 1800, inclusive;

Also, the petition of John H. Derose, for self and other heirs of John J. Derose, deceased, praying remuneration for spoliations committed by armed vessels of France, during the years from 1793 and 1800, inclusive.

By Mr. Vinton: The petition of citizens of Muskingum county, in the State of Ohio, praying measures be taken to restore peace between the United States and Mexico.

By Mr. John Quincy Adams: The petition of John P. Andrews, of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, praying the passage of a certain resolution, in relation to inserting a clause in all treaties hereafter to be made between the United States and foreign nations, to settle all misunderstandings by arbitrators instead of war.

By Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll: The petition of Ann Shapley, administratrix of the estate of Peter Clark, deceased, praying remuneration for spoliations committed by French armed vessels, between and during the years 1793 and 1800—heretofore presented December 8, 1845.

By Mr. Pendleton: The petition of George Taylor, for French spoliations—heretofore presented December 11, 1845;

Also, the petition of Cassius F. Lee, trustee of William Hodgson, deceased, late of Alexandria, in the State of Virginia, praying remuneration for French spoliations prior to 1800;

Also, the petition of Mary D. Adam, of Alexandria, in the State of Virginia, attorney for the heirs of John Dunlap, deceased, praying remuneration for French spoliations prior to 1800.

By Mr. Belcher: Four memorials of citizens of the county of Franklin, in the State of Maine, praying all constitutional means be used to procure peace with Mexico, and the withdrawal of our troops within our territorial limits.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Preston: The petition of citizens of the State of Virginia, praying the establishment of a mail route from Blacksburg, in Morgan county, to Newbern, in the county of Pulaski;

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of Virginia, praying the establishment of a post route from Fincastle, in Botetourt county, to Covington, in the county of Alleghany.

By Mr. Belcher: The petition of citizens of the State of Maine, praying the establishment of a mail route from Farmington to Kingsfield.

By Mr. Farrelly: The petition of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying the repeal of the law requiring postage on newspapers circulating within thirty miles of publication, and such other modification of the laws as will provide for cheap postage.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of citizens of the State of Ohio, praying a further reduction of the rates of postage.

By Mr. Nes: The petition of citizens of Adams county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the act of the 3d of March, 1847, requiring three cents postage on newspapers, be repealed.

By Mr. Dickinson: The petition of citizens of Hancock and Paulding counties, in the State of Ohio, praying the establishment of a post route from Upper Sandusky to Section Ten, in Van Wert county.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of Calvin Emmons—heretofore presented December 14, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of citizens of Ashtabula county, in the State of Ohio, praying that peace be established with Mexico; and also, that there be no more slave territory: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Harmanson: The petition of C. M. Shelby, of the State of Louisiana, praying the confirmation of a tract of land, in the Baron de Bastrop's grant: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Dickinson: The petition of citizens of Wood county, in the State of Ohio, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Maumee river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Palfrey: The petition of Nathe J. White, of Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts, represents, that the treaty with Great Britain, concluded June 5, 1846, by its 3d article, secures the possessory rights of all British subjects in Oregon; and praying that the benefits of said 3d article be extended to all American citizens: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of Will and Iroquois counties, in the State of Illinois, praying that the public land be made free to settlers, and that the jurisdiction be transferred to states or territories, only on condition such a disposition be made of them: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands;

Also, the petition of citizens of Bloomington, in McLean county, and State of Illinois, praying the right of way, and also a grant of the public lands, the proceeds of which to be used in the construction of a railroad from Chicago to the Mississippi river, at Cairo.

By Mr. Dickinson: Five petitions of citizens of the State of Ohio, praying the attention of Congress to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown, of 1808.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Alexander Evans: The petition of Mary Mathews Nowland, praying relief, by being discharged from liability in a suit now pending in the United States Court: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Robert W. Johnson: The petition of citizens of the State of Louisiana, praying for a mail route from Athens, in the State of Louisiana, to El Dorado, in the State of Arkansas;

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of Arkansas, praying a mail route from El Dorado, in the State of Arkansas, to Athens, in the State of Louisiana: which petitions were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Jacob Thompson: The petition of citizens of the State of Mississippi, praying a mail route from Panola to Coffeeville, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Phelps: The memorial of the Legislature of the State of Missouri, praying a donation of land for the improvement of the navigation of the Osage river: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Also, the memorial of the Legislature of Missouri, praying the organizing of a territorial government west of the State of Missouri: which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. Gentry: The petition of Medford Caffy, praying relief for a horse which he lost in the Seminole campaign: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of Amos Armstrong—heretofore presented March 19, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. George S. Thompson presented papers in the case of F. D. Thompson, with additional testimony: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Phelps presented joint resolutions of the Legislature of Missouri in relation to the tariff and independent treasury: which were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills of the following titles, viz:

An act to make appropriation of certain proceeds of the public lands in aid of education; and

An act to revise the consular system of the United States.

Mr. Hall gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill concerning costs in civil suits and proceedings in the name of the United States.

Mr. Tallmadge gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills of the following titles, viz:

A bill to establish a branch mint of the United States in the city of New York; and

A bill providing for the rescue and protection of persons and property which may be shipwrecked on the Atlantic coast of the United States.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee on Claims, reported bills of the following titles:

No. 2. A bill for the relief of Robert Roberts;

No. 3. A bill for the relief of Phineas Capen, legal administrator of John Cox, deceased, of Boston;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the case of John R. Williams: which report was laid upon the table.

Mr. Daniel P. King, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, reported a bill (No. 4) for the relief of Mary Brown, widow of Jacob Brown, a revolutionary pensioner, accompanied by a report: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. John Quincy Adams,

*Resolved*, That the same number of pages be employed for the use of this House that were employed previous to the 27th Congress, namely, twelve.

Mr. Grinnell offered the following resolution, which was read; and debate arising thereon, it was laid over, under the rule, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether the President has authorized the fitting out a vessel to convey officers of the United States army, navy, or other persons to the Mediterranean, for the purpose of exploring and surveying the Dead sea; and whether the Constitution and laws of the United States give the President authority so to do; and, further, whether the Constitution gives Congress the power to pass laws authorizing the exploration, surveying, and improving the harbors and rivers of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Truman Smith,

*Resolved*, That a select committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to inquire into and ascertain the average value of the foreign silver coins in circulation in the United States which usually pass for one-eighth and one-sixteenth of a dollar; and that they consider what measures should be adopted to substitute for such coins the dimes and half-dimes of the United States, with liberty to report by bill or otherwise, as they see fit.

Mr. Truman Smith offered the following resolution, which was read; and debate arising thereon, it was laid over, under the rule, viz:

*Resolved*, That the memorials and petitions from citizens of the United States who suffered by the spoliations of the French prior to the 30th of September, 1800, now on the files of the Clerk of this House, be taken therefrom, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Hunt,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a system of commercial reciprocity between the United States and Canada, with a view to

the admission of the products of either country into the ports of the other on a footing of equality.

On motion of Mr. Nicoll,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the present postage on transient papers, and of substituting in its place the same postage as is now charged on newspapers regularly mailed by the publishers thereof.

Mr. Murphy offered the following concurrent resolutions, which were read and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, (*the Senate concurring herein*,) That Congress regards the enlightened policy of the sovereign Pontiff of Rome in extending to his people toleration of political opinion, a liberal press, and constitutional guarantees, and in removing religious disabilities, as demanding its admiration, inasmuch as such measures are founded upon principles cherished by the people of the United States as the true basis of popular liberty, and because they are a voluntary and peaceful tribute of power to right unstained by blood, unbought by human suffering, and equally worthy a high religious functionary and a wise temporal sovereign.

*Resolved*, (*the Senate concurring herein*,) That, in view of these interesting events in a country to which the people of the United States are indebted not only for many of the acts which adorn life, but for many of the political institutions which they enjoy, it is expedient that diplomatic relations be opened by this government with the Papal States; and that Congress concurs with the President in his late message in regard thereto.

*Resolved*, (*the Senate concurring herein*,) That the President be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to Pope Pius IX.

Mr. Duer gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to repeal so much of chapters 33 and 36, of the acts of the last session of Congress, as increases the franking privileges of members of Congress, and forbids the transmission of newspapers free of postage, to a distance not exceeding thirty miles from the office of publication.

Mr. Elias B. Holmes gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to erect fortifications, and establish a military depot, at or near the mouth of Genessee river, on Lake Ontario, in the State of New York.

On motion of Mr. Sidney Lawrence,

*Resolved*, That the Commissioner of Pensions send to this House the papers of John Manley, on file in his office, in aid of his application for a pension, and that such papers be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Conger,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to Ruth Hallenback, formerly widow of William Scutt, for the services of said Scutt as a soldier of the Revolution; and that said Committee be authorized, for this purpose, to withdraw from the files in the

Pension Office all the papers of said Ruth, relating to said application.

On motion of Mr. Gott,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to Lizur B. Canfield, for injuries received while in the service of the United States, as a captain of the 23d regiment of infantry, in the war with Great Britain, in 1813; and that said Committee be authorized, for this purpose, to withdraw from the files in the Pension Office all the papers of the said Canfield, relating to said application.

On motion of Mr. Slingerland,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to remove the obstructions to the navigation of the Hudson river, in the State of New York.

On motion of Mr. McIlvaine,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the Post Office laws, as to provide for the free transit of newspapers through the mail, within the county in which they are published.

On motion of Mr. Pollock,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the allowance of reasonable compensation to the clerks of the district courts of the United States, for the labor performed by them in making out the returns, exhibiting the operation of the late bankrupt law of the United States, called for by a circular of the Secretary of State, in execution of a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 28th Congress.

On motion of Mr. Pollock,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of giving to the postmaster at Northumberland, Pennsylvania, a fixed salary, in lieu of the compensation at present received; the said office being a distributing office, and the per centage under the existing laws being inadequate to the labor performed.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Brodhead asked and obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 5) relative to postage on newspapers: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Brodhead moved that the said bill be printed: and,

Debate arising upon the said motion to print, it was laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be instructed to inquire and report to this House, the expediency of abolishing the present mission of chargé d'affaires to Sardinia and Naples, and substituting therefor, together with the mission lately recommended by the President to the Papal States, a full mission, by minister plenipotentiary or ambassador, to Italy, with secretaries of legation, to reside at Rome, Turin, and Naples.

Mr. John W. Houston gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a joint resolution of the thanks of Congress to General Zachary Taylor, and the officers and soldiers under his command.

Mr. McLane offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War furnish this House with the report and map of 1st Lieutenant Emory, of the corps of topographical engineers, of the route of the army, under General Kearny, from the Missouri to the Pacific, with such parts of the report of Lieutenant Colonel Cooke as are necessary to illustrate his deviation from the route of General Kearny; and also, the report and map of Lieutenant Abert, of the corps of topographical engineers, of his examination of the province of New Mexico; and also, copies of any further reports in relation to the operations of the army in Mexico, which have been received at the War Department after the date of the annual report of the Secretary of War.

On motion of Mr. A. Stewart,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to Andrew Flanagan, an officer in the army during the late war with Great Britain.

On motion by Mr. Ligon,

*Resolved*, That the papers relating respectively to the claims of Samuel T. Anderson, Levi Colmas, John Knight, and John Knott, now on file in this House, or with the Commissioner of Pensions, be withdrawn therefrom, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. McLane,

*Resolved*, That the accompanying copy of a memorial addressed to the Postmaster General, by certain merchants, of the city of Baltimore, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of so amending the existing laws for the transportation of the mails, as will allow the Postmaster General to contract for extra mail service, as the interests of the commercial community may require.

On motion of Mr. Alexander Evans,

*Resolved*, That the Clerk cause the usual number of correct copies of the rules and orders of this House, as amended, together with the Constitution of the United States and the joint rules and orders of the two Houses, to be printed, for the use of the House; and that he shall prepare correct indices thereto, to be printed therewith.

Mr. Goggin gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill making further appropriation of land to satisfy Virginia military land warrants.

Mr. Goggin offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House any instructions which may have been given to any of the officers of the army or navy of the United States, or other persons, in regard to the return of President Gene-

ral Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, or any other Mexican, to the republic of Mexico, prior or subsequent to the order of the President or Secretary of War, issued in January, 1846, for the march of the army from the Nueces river across the "stupendous deserts" which intervene, to the Rio Grande; that the date of all such instructions, orders, and correspondence, be set forth, together with the instructions and orders issued to Mr. Slidell, at any time prior or subsequent to his departure for Mexico, as minister plenipotentiary of the United States to that republic.

On motion of Mr. Bedinger,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of manufacturing an additional number of arms, at the national armories at Harper's Ferry and Springfield.

Mr. Bocock offered the following resolutions; which were read, considered, and agreed to, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, that deputy postmasters, instead of the compensation now allowed them, shall receive the rate of commissions specified in the act passed on the 1st of March, 1847, entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to reduce the rates of postage,'" &c.; said commissions, however, to be computed on the quarterly receipts of their offices, instead of on the annual receipts, as in said act is provided.

*Resolved*, That said committee inquire into the expediency of further providing, that the Postmaster General be authorized, in his next settlement with the deputy postmasters, to carry back his computation, on the basis of the foregoing resolution, to the 1st day of March, 1847, and to allow to said deputy postmasters any balance which may appear in their favor on such computation.

Mr. Bocock offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the Postmaster General be requested to communicate to this House what inconvenience, if any, would result from carrying back his settlement, as above indicated, to the 1st day of March, 1847; what amount would thereby be taken from the department; and any other facts in his knowledge, tending to show the propriety or impropriety of such an enactment.

On motion of Mr. Barringer,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the commissions and emoluments of the postmasters of the small class of offices in the United States.

Mr. Rhett gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill authorizing the several States in the Union to lay tonnage duties on all vessels or steamboats entering their ports or harbors, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the said States.

Mr. Isaac E. Holmes offered the following resolution; which was read, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means:

*Resolved*, That the moneys deposited with the several States and Territories, as loans from the Treasury of the surplus revenue, be

now, in the exigencies of the country, called for by the government of the United States, before resort be had to another loan.

On motion of Mr. Duncan,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of extending the benefit of the provisions of the 9th section of the act of the 11th February, 1847, entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force," &c., to such officers as may have been commissioned *upon promotion from the ranks whilst in Mexico*, during their term of service; and also, whether substitutes, who may have taken the place of their principals, and served out their terms, should not also have the benefit of said section extended to them; and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Crozier,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of paying volunteers for horses that may have been lost by them during the Mexican war, on account of their having been thrown overboard during storms, for the safety of vessels; and for such as may have died, for want of reasonable and proper vessels and means of transportation; and for such other cases as they may think proper and right, not provided for by existing laws; and that said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Crozier gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill for making an appropriation of the public lands for the benefit of the deaf, dumb, and blind.

Mr. Cocke offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and, on motion of Mr. Pettit, modified, and agreed to, as follows, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War report to this House the number of regulars enlisted, and volunteers received into the service of the United States, since the commencement of hostilities between the United States and the republic of Mexico; what number of the same have been killed in battle, or died from wounds received in battle; what number have died from disease; and what number have been discharged, as unfit for service, in consequence of disability produced by disease. That he also report the strength of each regiment when mustered into service, and their strength according to the latest returns, and the State where raised; and the amount of the regular army at the time of commencement of the war.

Mr. Gentry offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House the instructions given to John Slidell, as minister plenipotentiary and ambassador extraordinary to the government of Mexico.

Mr. Stanton offered the following resolution, which was read and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the President be requested to communicate to this House any correspondence which may have recently taken place with the British government relative to the adoption of principles

of reciprocity in the trade and shipping of the two countries; provided such communication shall not, in his judgment, conflict with the public interest.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to report a bill reviving and extending the provisions of certain acts granting pensions to the widows of revolutionary soldiers, approved July 7, 1838, March 3, 1843, and June 17, 1844; the last of which will expire the 4th of March, 1848.

Mr. T. Butler King offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Speaker, as soon as practicable after the passage of this resolution, to cause the desks to be removed out of this hall: the seats to remain as they are until some better arrangement can be made, which is confided to him.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Hilliard moved to amend the same, by adding thereto the following:

"And that a large table be placed in front of the Clerk's desk, for the use of the members."

Mr. King accepted the said amendment: when

Mr. McLane moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Cummins,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of repealing so much of the 13th section of the act of the 3d day of March, 1847, entitled "*An act to establish certain post routes, and for other purposes*," as prohibits editors and publishers of newspapers from sending their papers to subscribers *by mail, free of charge or postage*, to the distance of thirty miles from the place of publication; and that said committee report to this House upon that subject at the earliest convenience.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire if any further laws are necessary for the protection of persons and passengers on board of vessels and boats navigated by steam in the waters of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Dickinson,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of appropriating a sum of money out of the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, sufficient to pay for all advances made for the subsistance and transportation of volunteers before they were mustered into the service of the United States since the 3d day of March, 1847, and of the best mode to settle, adjust, and pay them off.

Mr. Schenck offered the following resolution, which was read and laid upon the table one day, under the rule, viz:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House, at as early a day as practicable, copies of all orders and communications sent by him, or from any department of this government to any officer of the United States, or other

person claiming to act under the authority of the United States within or for the territory of New Mexico, together with all replies, reports, or communications from any officer or officers, civil or military, or claiming to be such under the authority of the United States, to the President or to any department of this government, such orders, communications, replies, and reports having relation to the establishment and maintenance of civil or territorial jurisdiction at Santa Fe, or in the territory of New Mexico, or either side of the Rio Grande, since the 22d day of Setpember, 1846; and, also, that the President be requested to inform this House whether any appointments of officers have been made, or any elections held for a delegate to Congress, members of a general assembly or territorial legislature, or other local officers, under the organic law or constitution, and the code of laws which were ordained and established by Brigadier General Stephen W. Kearny, for the territory of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, on the said 22d day of September, 1846; and, also, whether any trials have taken place, and any capital or other punishment been inflicted upon persons at Taos or elsewhere in said territory of New Mexico, on the charge or for the crime of treason, or for any other civil crime or misdemeanor, whether such trials and executions were had or inflicted under civil or military law, and how the court or courts were constituted which entertained jurisdiction, or rendered judgment in any such case; and, also, that the President inform this House whether the appointment of a governor, secretary of the territory, marshal, United States district attorney, treasurer, and judges of the superior court in New Mexico, made by General Kearny on the 22d day of September, 1846, and claimed by him in the order of said appointment, as "being duly authorized by the President of the United States of America," was in fact authorized by him, or has been since approved, sanctioned, or authorized, and whether he has authorized, recognized, sanctioned, or approved any subsequent appointment to civil office in said territory of New Mexico; and, also, that the President inform this House whether compensation or salaries for official services have been paid or allowed to such civil officers in the territory of New Mexico, and if so, out of what fund or appropriation of money, and by what authority of law.

On motion of Mr. Wick,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency and necessity of legislation to secure bounty land to such volunteers as, since the existence of the present war with Mexico, have been mustered into the service as non-commissioned officers, musicians, or privates, notwithstanding that they may have been subsequently promoted to company or regimental officers.

On motion of Mr. La Sère,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into, and report upon, the necessity of augmenting the number of inspectors of the customs for the port of New Orleans.

On motion of Mr. Harmanson,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be, and is, hereby,

instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the port of New Orleans to the upper limits of the city of Lafayette.

Mr. Thibodeaux gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill relating to the collection district of New Orleans, and for other purposes.

Mr. Pettit offered the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That if in the judgment of Congress it be necessary to improve the navigation of a river, to expedite and render secure the movements of our army, and save from delay and loss our arms and munitions of war, then Congress has the power to improve such river.

*Resolved*, If it be necessary for the preservation of the lives of our seamen, repairs, safety, or maintenance of our vessels of war, to improve a harbor or inlet, either on our Atlantic or lake coast, Congress has the power to make such appropriations.

The said resolutions were read; when

Mr. Pettit moved the previous question.

Mr. Sims moved that the said resolutions be laid upon the table.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll called for a division of the question.

Objection being raised to a division of the question,

The Speaker decided that the resolutions were distinct and separate propositions, and that, under the express rule of the House, any member might call for a division of them. He thought it was not too late for such a call; and that, the resolutions being divided, the motion to lie on the table would apply to them separately.

From that decision Mr. Sims appealed.

And the question was put, Shall the decision of the Chair stand, as the judgment of the House,

And decided in the negative.

So the decision of the Chair was reversed, and the question was decided not to be divisible.

The question recurred on seconding the previous question; when

Mr. Sims moved that the said resolutions be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 70 / Nays ..... 124 }

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
George N. Eckert

Mr. Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
David Hammons
John H. Harmanson
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
David S. Jackson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère

Mr. Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy,
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
John L. Robinson

Mr. Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
James H. Thomas
Mr. Jacob Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Mr. Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
Kinsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
George Fries
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Mr. Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley,
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
Mr. George Petrie
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
John I. Slingerland
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Peter H. Silvester
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
David Wilmot

So the House refused to lay the said resolutions upon the table.

The question again recurred on seconding the previous question; when

Mr. Howell Cobb moved, at 2 o'clock and 30 minutes, that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question again recurred on seconding the previous question, moved by Mr. Pettit.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was decided in the negative.

And, debate arising upon the said resolutions, they were laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Richard Mr. Richard W. Thompson,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of paying to the heirs and devisees of Colonel Francis Vego, late of Indiana, deceased, the

sum of money, with the interest, advanced by him to General George Rogers Clarke, while engaged in the prosecution of the Illinois campaign; and that the papers, on the files of the House, in relation thereto, be referred to said Committee.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Henley asked and obtained leave, and introduced a joint resolution (No. 2) to amend an act entitled "An act to establish certain post routes, and for other purposes, approved March 3, 1847;" which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Jacob Thompson offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be requested to communicate to this House all the information in his department, touching and relating to the suppression of the slave trade, since the ratification of the treaty of Washington, in the year 1842.

On motion of Mr. Dunn,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the monthly and clothing pay of all non-commissioned officers and privates in the army of the United States, whether belonging to the regular or volunteer service; and of making such additional allowance as may be just and reasonable, to all such officers and soldiers as aforesaid, as have served out the full time of their enlistment, or may have been honorably discharged from the service during the present war with Mexico; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Cathcart gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to reduce the minimum price of the lands acquired of the Miami Indians, in Indiana; and also,

A bill to provide for the prosecution of the work upon the harbor at Michigan City, in Indiana.

Mr. Robert Smith gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills of the following titles, viz.:

A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the Mississippi river;

A bill making provision for the widows and orphans of officers and soldiers killed during the present war with Mexico, or who have died in the service;

A bill making provisions for completing the Cumberland road, through the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri;

A bill granting lands to aid in the construction of certain railroads in Illinois.

Mr. Lincoln gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes, approved February 11, 1847."

Mr. Richardson offered the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the existing war with Mexico was just and necessary on our part, and has been prosecuted with the sole purpose of vindicating our national rights and honor, and of securing an honorable peace.

*Resolved*, That the rejection of our repeated overtures of peace leaves this government no alternative but the most vigorous prosecution of the war, in such manner, consistent with the law of nations, as will make the enemy feel all its calamities and burthens, and until Mexico shall agree to a just and honorable peace, providing satisfactory indemnity, in money or territory, for past injuries, including the expenses of the war.

*Resolved*, That the amount of indemnity must necessarily depend upon the obstinacy of the enemy and the duration of the war.

The said resolutions were read; when

Mr. Richardson moved the previous question.

Mr. Botts moved that the resolution be laid upon the table; when

Mr. Cabell moved, at 15 minutes before 3 o'clock, that the House adjourn.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 58 / Nays ..... 132

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Jacob Collamer
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Alexander Evans
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
Mr. John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Dudley S. Gregory
Moses Hampton
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
Orlando Kellogg
William T. Lawrence
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
James Pollock
Mr. William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Peter H. Silvester
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead,
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Mr. Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
George Fries
Richard French
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill

Mr. George S. Houston
Charles Hudson
Charles J. Ingersoll
David S. Jackson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Mr. Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Mr. Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the House refused to adjourn.

Mr. Schenck moved a call of the House.

Mr. Giddings moved, at 3 o'clock and 9 minutes, that the House adjourn.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas .....96 / Nays .....98

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boyden
Jasper E. Brady
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
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Robert B. Cranston
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John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
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Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Orlando Kellogg
Mr. T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Mr. John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Amos Tuck
Mr. John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
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John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Mr. John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
David S. Jackson
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the House refused to adjourn: and

The question recurred on the motion of Mr. Schenck, that there be a call of the House.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 107 / Nays ..... 85

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Mr. Thomas L. Clingman
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Thomas O. Edwards
Mr. Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
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John W. Farrelly
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Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell

Mr. Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
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Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
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Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Richart L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
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John H. Harmanson
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Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
David S. Jackson
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Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot.

So the House decided there should be a call of the House.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Root, the House, at 10 minutes before 4 oclock, p. m., adjourned.

## TUESDAY, December 21, 1847.

The Speaker announced the first business in order to be, the presentation of petitions from the several States and Territories, commencing with the Territory of Wisconsin, and proceeded with the call.

The following memorials, petitions, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Marsh: The petition of Charles Benns—heretofore presented December 30, 1833;

Also, the petition of Harvey and Margaret Holgate, administrators of Samuel Holgate, deceased—heretofore presented February 5, 1846.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The memorial of the heirs of Nathaniel Tracy, deceased—heretofore presented January 4, 1847.

By Mr. Clingman: The petition of Archibald R. S. Hunter—heretofore presented December 28, 1843.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of the heirs of Major General Baron De Kalb—heretofore presented January 30, 1837: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. McDowell: The petition of James Dixon—heretofore presented December 31, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Bingham: The petition of Chester Parish—heretofore presented December 13, 1844.

By Mr. Marsh: The petition of Sylvanus Blodgett—heretofore presented January 7, 1846.

By Mr. Richard W. Thompson: The petition of John Osburn, praying a pension on account of wounds and disabilities incurred in the service of the United States, in the army in Mexico.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The petition of Ferdinando Pettrich, praying remuneration for preparing illustrations of an architectural pedestal for the statue of Washington: which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

By Mr. Haskell: The petition of William T. Haskell, praying that the act of 11th February, 1847, giving bounty land to the widows and children, and to fathers and mothers of soldiers, in certain cases, be extended to the brothers and sisters of soldiers who have lost their lives in the service of their country: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of O. C. Gray and others, citizens of Steubenville, in the State of Ohio, praying that the public land be free: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Belcher: The petition of James Chapman, of Starks, in the county of Somerset, and State of Maine, praying remuneration for his services as a soldier in the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. John Quincy Adams: The petition of James Chapman—heretofore presented February 22, 1845: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Lord: The memorial of citizens of Southold and Riverhead, in the State of New York, praying that Greenport be made a port of entry: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce;

Also, the petition of Mary Corwin, praying a pension on account of the services of her late husband, Jedediah Corwin, deceased, in

the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions;

Also, the petition of William Paddy, of Easthampton, in the State of New York, praying a pension on account of his long services, and disabilities incurred, in the army of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The petition of citizens of Orleans county, in the State of New York, praying the abolition of the franking privilege, and allowing the free circulation of newspapers within thirty miles of the place of publication: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of E. G. Spalding and others, citizens of the State of New York, praying an appropriation for the improvement of Buffalo harbor: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Flournoy: The petition of Eady Tuck, widow of John Tuck, deceased, praying a pension on account of the services of her late husband as a soldier in the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The petition of William P. Yonge, praying remuneration for damage on cotton, taken by Thomas Hoxey and used as a breastwork, on board of a steamboat, during the Creek war: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Harmanson: The petition of Elisha Thomason, of the parish of Franklin, in the State of Louisiana, praying permission to purchase the north-east quarter of section sixteen, township fifteen, range five east, in the land district north of Red river: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims;

Also, the petition of James P. Sexton, of the parish of Franklin, in the State of Louisiana, praying to be permitted to purchase the east half of south-west fourth of section sixteen, township fifteen, range five east, in the land district north of Red river: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Dickinson: The memorial of citizens of the State of Ohio, praying the attention of Congress to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown, of 1808, and the acts of Congress in relation thereto, so far as it provides for constructing a road southerly from Lower Sandusky: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Faran: The petition of Samuel Pool, praying a pension for services as a soldier in the United States army, on the frontier, for three years, from August, 1791: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Sawyer: The memorial of citizens in the county of Defiance, in the State of Ohio, praying the establishment of a mail route from Defiance to Pannama: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads;

Also, the petition of citizens of the county of Defiance, in the State of Ohio, praying a reduction in the price of certain public lands: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Thomas: The petition of William Ralston, praying remu-

neration for his services as chaplain in the United States army, in Mexico: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Kaufman: The petition of Jeremiah Gray, praying a pension in consideration of the loss of one of his arms, by a gun-shot, whilst in the service of the United States, as a soldier in Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Willard P. Hall: The memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, praying a donation to the State of Missouri of alternate sections of the public and unappropriated lands, along the line of a proposed railroad from the city of Hannibal, on the Mississippi river, to St. Joseph, on the Missouri river; also, an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Osage and North Grand rivers: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Jamieson: The memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, praying for a law confirming the small, and providing for the final settlement of all, claims to land in said State, derived from the French and Spanish governments: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims;

Also, the memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, remonstrating against the change of the appropriation to improve the navigation of the River Des Moines: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals;

Also, the letter of Colonel John Ralls, of the 3d regiment of Missouri volunteers, at Santa Fe, in relation to the clothing volunteers: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of Bennett M. Dell—heretofore presented February 26, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs;

Also, the petition of Philip J. Fontané—heretofore presented February 27, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce;

Also, the petition of William B. Ross and others, citizens of Columbia county, in the State of Florida—heretofore presented January 14, 1847: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. R. W. Johnson, by general consent, gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to settle the boundaries of the land districts which border upon the boundary line between Arkansas and Missouri.

Mr. Willard P. Hall presented a resolution of instruction from the Legislature of the State of Missouri, in relation to the Missouri compromise act: which resolution was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ficklin, by general consent, gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills of the following titles, to wit:

A bill granting lands to aid in the construction of the Central railroad, the Terre Haute and St. Louis railroad, and the Northern Cross railroad, in the State of Illinois.

Mr. Wentworth gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills of the following titles:

A bill relative to the Cumberland road, in Illinois;

A bill to grant the right of way, and of pre-emption, to all railroads which may be constructed over the public lands;

A bill for an additional district of the United States courts in the State of Illinois;

A bill to establish a marine hospital at Chicago;

A bill for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers.

Mr. McClernand, by general consent, gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to establish a national armory at Fort Massac, in the State of Illinois.

Mr. Faran, by general consent, gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to amend the act entitled "An act extending the jurisdiction of the district courts to certain cases upon the lakes and navigable waters connecting the same, approved the 26th of February, 1845."

Mr. Giddings presented a petition of citizens of the District of Columbia, praying that all laws authorizing or sanctioning the slave trade in the District of Columbia may be repealed; and moved that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the said petition be laid on the table

And the question being put,

There appeared { Yeas ..... 98 / Nays ..... 97

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Alexander Evans
Winfield S. Featherston

Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Richard K. Meade

Mr. John K. Miller
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richards
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
J. Dixon Roman
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
Jacob Thompson
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
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John W. Farrelly
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Joshua R. Giddings
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Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Mr. Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
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Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Mr. James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William Rockhill
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John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Peter H. Sylvester
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

The Speaker voted in the negative.

So the motion to lay on the table was disagreed to.

The question recurred on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Giddings; when Mr. Giddings withdrew his said instructions, and thereupon,

Mr. Chapman moved that it be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia; when,

Debate arising upon the said petition, it was laid over, under the rule.

Mr. La Sère, by general consent, gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill for the relief of William De Buys, late postmaster at New Orleans.

Mr. Bowdon, by general consent, gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to increase the sale and promote the settlement of the public lands in the State of Alabama.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb, by general consent, gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills of the following titles, to wit:

A bill to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands to settlers and cultivators;

A bill for an act to authorize soldiers to locate their land warrants in 40 acre tracts.

Mr. Murphy, by general consent, gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to establish the city of Brooklyn as a port of entry.

By the unanimous consent of the House,

Mr. John Quincy Adams offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State report to this House the state of the claims of Aaron Leggett on the government of Mexico, decided under the convention of the 11th April, 1839, and such action as may have been had, and the papers relating thereto in the Department of State, since the report upon them of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, in August, 1842, referring them, for further consideration, to the executive branch of the government.

Mr. James H. Johnson presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire, tendering the thanks of said State to Major Generals Taylor and Scott, of the United States army, and to the officers and soldiers under their commands: which resolutions were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. James H. Johnson also presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire, relative to the removal of the circuit and district courts of the United States from Exeter to Concord: which resolutions were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and orderedto be printed.

Mr. Hammons, by general consent, gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to extend the provisions of the act of June 7, 1832, entitled "An act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," to every officer and soldier who served, as specified in said act, for the period of three months.

Mr. Tuck presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire, relative to the enlargement of the franking privilege of members of Congress, and increase of newspaper postage: which resolutions were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tuck also presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire, on the subject of slavery and the extension of slave territory: which resolutions were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Thibodeaux asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 8) relating to the collection district of New Orleans, and for other purposes: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Speaker then proceeded to call for reports from Committees.

Mr. Vinton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 6) making an appropriation to supply, in part, a deficiency in the appropriations for subsistence, in kind, of the army and volunteers, during the year ending the 30th June, 1848: which bill was read the first and second times, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Vinton, by leave, presented documents in relation to the said deficiencies in the appropriations: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee on Claims, to which was referred Senate's bill (No. 1) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones," reported the same with amendments, accompanied by a report in writing.

*Ordered*, That the said bill and amendments be committed to the Committee of the Whole House, and be made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and amendments printed.

On motion of Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll,

*Ordered*, That the committee be discharged from the consideration of the memorial of the Kennet monthly meeting of the society of Friends, in Chester county, in the State of Pennsylvania, for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, &c., and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to which was referred the petition of Charles G. Ridgely, reported a bill (No. 7) directing the mode of settling his claims: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, by leave, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported an amendment to the bill (No. 1) supplementary to an act to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States, in certain cases, and for other purposes, reported an amendatory bill.

The Speaker announced, as the business next in order, the calling of the States for the presentation of resolutions, commencing at the State of Illinois, where the call ceased yesterday: and

The resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Richardson, and pending when the House adjourned, being first in order,

The question was stated on agreeing to the motion made yesterday by Mr. Botts, that the said resolution be laid upon the table, (the call of the House ordered yesterday, on motion of Mr. Schenck, having fallen with the adjournment:)

And thereupon,

Mr. Botts withdrew his said motion: and

The question was then put, Will the House second the previous question, moved yesterday by Mr. Richardson?

And decided in the negative.

Debate then arising upon the said resolution, it was laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Wentworth offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the General Government has the power to construct such harbors and improve such rivers as are necessary and proper for the protection of our navy and of our commerce, and also for the defences of our country.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Wentworth moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: "Will the House agree to the said resolution?"

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 138 / Nays ..... 54

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. George Ashmun | Mr. Hiram Belcher |
| John Quincy Adams | Daniel M. Barringer | Kingsley S. Bingham |
| Green Adams | Washington Barrow | Ausburn Birdsall |

Mr. John Blanchard
John M. Botts
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Jasper E. Brady
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Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green

Mr. Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury

Mr. James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Peter H. Sylvester
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John R. J. Daniel
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
George Fries

Mr. David Hammons
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
James McDowell

Mr. James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Isaac E. Morse
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Phelps
R. Barnwell Rhett
John L. Robinson
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the said resolution was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Palfrey,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be in-

structed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to the guardian of Artemas Conant, an invalid pensioner, the arrears of his pension, at the rate of five dollars and thirty-three and one-third cents per month, from the 4th of March, 1830, to the 9th day of May, 1846.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Robert Smith asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill, (No. 8,) to provide for completing the Cumberland road in the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri: which bill was read a first and second time, and, referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Turner gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills of the following titles, viz:

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights."

A bill to establish a mail route from Belvidere, in the State of Illinois, to Shullsburg, in the Territory of Wisconsin.

A bill for a mail route from Elizabeth, in the State of Illinois, to Freeport and Rock Ru, in the same State.

A bill for a mail route from Freeport, in the State of Illinois, to Monroe and Madison, in the Territory of Wisconsin.

And then, on motion of Mr. Pettit, the House, at fifteen minutes before 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1847.

The Journal of yesterday having been read, Mr. Ligon rose, and stated that he was present yesterday, and voted in the affirmative, upon the question of laying upon the table the petition presented by Mr. Giddings, in regard to slavery in the District of Columbia; and asked that the Journal be amended, by recording his vote thereon in the affirmative.

And the Journal was amended accordingly.

The Speaker announced, as the business first in order, the calling of the States for the presentation of petitions; when

Mr. Henley, by general consent, offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz.:

*Resolved*, That the Speaker be authorized to appoint a Committee on Public Printing, according to the provisions of the joint resolution entitled "A joint resolution directing the manner of procuring the printing for the two Houses of Congress, approved August 3, 1846."

And thereupon, Mr. Conger, Mr. Henley, and Mr. John B. Thompson were appointed said committee, on the part of the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate thereof.

By Mr. Hudson: The petition of Lavina Gardner, widow of David Gardner, deceased, of Southboro', in the State of Massachusetts, praying that her claims be taken into consideration in a bill now pending, entitled a "Bill for the relief of the heirs of Commodore John Paul Jones, and other purposes:" which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of S. Taylor and others, citizens

of Chatham, in the State of Massachusetts, praying all constitutional means be used to terminate, immediately, the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Nicoll: The petition of Manuel X. Harmony, of the State of New York, praying indemnification for losses sustained by the seizure of property, and by his detention in New Mexico, by the army of the United States: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Jenkins: Two petitions of citizens of Madison county, in the State of New York, praying the repeal of the law regulating postage, passed at the last session, and the re-establishment of the previous law for low postage: which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Mullin: The petition of Samuel Johnson, of Clayton, in the County of Jefferson, and State of New York, praying for a law giving him the benefit of a will made by William McKenzie, a sailor in the service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of Major Gaspard Tochman, praying the passage of an act giving to the circuit court of the United States for the 4th circuit, in the district of Maryland, jurisdiction of all the cases, at law and in equity, concerning the estate of General Thaddeus Kosciusko, now depending in the circuit court of the District of Columbia; also, that jurisdiction be given to said 4th circuit court of the United States, of all cases, at law and in equity, in which the said Major Tochman is, or may hereafter be, either a plaintiff, or complainant, or defendant, in the District of Columbia; and further prays, that such measures be taken as to restrain Mr. De Bodisco, minister from Russia, from interfering with his professional pursuits in this country: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Kellogg: The petition of the heirs of Thomas Wishart—heretofore presented December 11, 1833: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of Allen Gorham—heretofore presented December 14, 1846: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of the legal representatives of Francis Ware—heretofore presented December 17, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims;

Also, the petition of the legal representatives of Udney Hay—heretofore presented January 5, 1847: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Botts: The petition of Joseph M. Sheppard, administrator of R. Harris, for himself and John Scott, administrator of N. Farrow—heretofore presented December 10, 1845: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Giddings moved that the House proceed to the consideration of the petition presented by him yesterday, in regard to slavery in the District of Columbia.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative.

By Mr. Burt: The petition of Mary W. Thompson, widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel Alexander R. Thompson, deceased, in behalf of the widows and orphans of officers and soldiers of the army of the United States, praying the pension laws be so amended as to make their pay equal to that of the revolutionary widows; and instead of five years only, it may be continued during life or widowhood: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Palfrey: Two petitions of ministers and laymen, of the Unitarian denomination, praying that the necessary steps be taken for securing an immediate and permanent peace with Mexico, and the withdrawing of our troops from her territory: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Morehead: The petition of Leslie Combs, of the State of Kentucky, praying relief, by the passage of an act providing payment of bonds which he holds, against the late republic of Texas: which was referred to the Committee of Claims;

Also, the petition of John Watkins, of Jessamine county, in the State of Kentucky, praying relief for his services as a volunteer soldier in the war against Mexico, by a grant of bounty land: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs;

Also, the petition of Josiah P. Pilcher, of the State of Kentucky, praying for pay for his services as a volunteer: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs;

Also, the petition of William Fitzpatrick, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of James T. Megowan, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of B. A. Chapman, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of Alfred Argabright, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of A. C. Bryan, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of Lawrence Daly, praying compensation for a horse lost in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of Thomas Bryan, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of David Shepherd, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of Richard M. Adams, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of R. P. Whitney, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of William D. Ratcliffe, praying compensation for a horse lost in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of James Mahoney, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the Mexican war;

Also, the petition of John Morgan, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of James Jones, praying compensation for the

loss of a horse by his son Clement Jones, who was killed in the battle of Buena Vista;

Also, the petition of John W. Bell, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of George W. Runyon, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of Isaac Shephard, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of Samuel Pigg, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of David C. Jones, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of John J. Finch, praying compensation for the loss of a horse while a prisoner in Mexico;

Also, the petition of Sylvester Conover, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of Charles E. Mooney, praying compensation for the loss of a horse in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of Catharine Ramey, praying compensation for the loss of a horse by her son Nat. Ramey, who was killed in the battle of Buena Vista;

Also, the petition of Mary Carty, praying compensation for the loss of a horse by her son Henry Carty, who was killed in the battle of Buena Vista.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Morehead: The petition of Samuel E. Roberts, praying for a grant of bounty land, due for his services as a volunteer in the Mexican war;

Also, the petition of N. A. White, praying for bounty land for his services as a volunteer in the war with Mexico.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Turner: The petition of John Whitmore, of Rock Island, in the State of Illinois, praying for a pension on account of wounds and disabilities incurred, as a teamster in the service of the United States, in the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The memorial and resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Illinois, praying for the passage of laws to indemnify certain citizens in said State for losses incurred and depredations committed by the Indians during the Black Hawk war in the years 1831 and 1832: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Lincoln: The memorial of citizens of the State of Illinois, on behalf of the Great Western Railway of the State of Illinois, praying for aid by the right of pre-emption to the lands through which the said road may pass: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Phelps: The memorial of the Legislature of the State of Missouri, praying that provision be made by law to pay certain Mis-

souri volunteers full pay as mounted men during their term of service, and also, pay for their horses lost in the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Charles E. Stewart: The petition of Chester Stebbins, praying that the act entitled "An act to provide for satisfying claims for bounty lands for military services in the late war with Great Britain, and for other purposes," may be revived: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Also, the petition of Frederick Hall, of Ionia, in the State of Michigan, praying that all the islands in the State of Michigan lying in that portion of Lake Huron which is south of the north boundary of township number thirty-six north, be attached and made a part of Saginaw land district in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petition be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Harmanson: The petition of Andiew C. Armstrong—heretofore presented January 14, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following memorials, petitions, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Hubbard: The petition of Henry A. Livingston, of Poughkeepsie, in the State of New York, legal representative of Abraham Livingston, deceased, late a commissary in the revolutionary army, praying for a law providing for the payment of moneys expended by the said Livingston, and also a balance due him for his services during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of citizens of the State of Indiana, praying for the reduction of the price of certain public lands, and also, postpone the sale thereof: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Cocke: The petition of Charlotte McCain, widow of William McCain, deceased, praying for a pension on account of the services of her late husband during the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Peyton: The petition of Hugh G. Smith, of Muhlenburg county, in the State of Kentucky, praying for a pension on account of services rendered the United States during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Richardson: The memorial of the Legislature of the State of Illinois, praying for the passage of a law providing for the payment of citizens of said State for property destroyed by the Sac and Fox Indians during the Black Hawk war.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of Thomas F. Harkness, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying for extra compensation for services rendered in the War Department.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The call of the States for petitions being completed,

The Speaker announced, as the business next in order, the calling of the committees for reports; when

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, made an adverse report upon the petition of Harriet Brown, widow of George Brown: which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, made an adverse report on the petition of the heirs of John Forsythe: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of William Culver, accompanied by a bill (No. 10) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sims, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported a bill (No. 11) to authorize attachments on mesne process, in the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia; and to provide more speedy and effectual legal remedies in the said District, and for other purposes: which was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gentry, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported, that at a meeting of the said committee, held at their committee room, this day, on motion of Mr. Meredith P. Gentry, chairman of said committee, Daniel M. Barringer, of the State of North Carolina, was unanimously appointed chairman of the said committee.

*Ordered*, That the said report be laid upon the table.

Mr. Clingman gave notice of his intention to introduce a resolution to amend so much of the rules of the House as provides for the presentation of petitions, otherwise than under the rule, with proper endorsements.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, which was read, and is as follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I communicate herewith a report of the Secretary of the Navy, containing a statement of the measures which have been taken in execution of the act of 3d March last, relating to the construction of floating dry docks at Pensacola, Philadelphia, and Kittery.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *December* 22, 1847.

On motion of Mr. T. Butler King,

*Ordered*, That the said message be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and printed.

Mr. Lincoln offered the following preamble and resolution; which were read, as follows:

Whereas the President of the United States, in his message of May 11, 1846, has declared that "the Mexican government not only refused to receive him" (the envoy of the United States) "or listen

to his propositions, but, after a long continued series of menaces, have at last invaded *our territory*, and shed the blood of our fellow-*citizens* on *our own soil:*"

And again, in his message of December 8, 1846, that "we had ample cause of war against Mexico, long before the breaking out of hostilities; but even then we forbore to take redress into our own hands, until Mexico herself became the aggressor, by invading *our soil* in hostile array, and shedding the blood of our *citizens:*

And yet again, in his message of December 7, 1847, that "the Mexican government refused even to hear the terms of adjustment which he" (our minister of peace) "was authorized to propose; and finally, under wholly unjustifiable pretexts, involved the two countries in war, by invading the territory of the State of Texas, striking the first blow, and shedding the blood of our *citizens* on *our own soil.*"

And whereas this House desires to obtain a full knowledge of all the facts which go to establish whether the particular spot of soil on which the blood of our *citizens* was so shed was, or was not, *our own soil*, at that time: therefore,

*Resolved, by the House of Representatives*, That the President of the United States be respectfully requested to inform this House,

*First.* Whether the spot of soil on which the blood of our *citizens* was shed, as in his messages declared, was, or was not, within the territories of Spain, at least from the treaty of 1819 until the Mexican revolution.

*Second.* Whether that spot is, or is not, within the territory which was wrested from Spain by the Mexican revolution.

*Third.* Whether that spot is, or is not, within a settlement of people, which settlement had existed ever since long before the Texas revolution, until its inhabitants fled from the approach of the United States army.

*Fourth.* Whether that settlement is, or is not, isolated from any and all other settlements, by the Gulf of Mexico and the Rio Grande on the south and west, and by wide uninhabited regions on the north and east.

*Fifth.* Whether the *people* of that settlement, or a *majority* of them, or *any* of them, had ever, previous to the bloodshed mentioned in his message, submitted themselves to the government or laws of Texas, or of the United States, by *consent*, or by *compulsion*, either by accepting office, or voting at elections, or paying taxes, or serving on juries, or having process served upon them, or in *any other way.*

*Sixth.* Whether the people of that settlement did, or did not, flee from the approach of the United States army, leaving unprotected their homes and their growing crops, *before* the blood was shed, as in his messages stated; and whether the first blood so shed was, or was not, shed within the *inclosure* of the people, or some of them, who had thus fled from it.

*Seventh.* Whether our *citizens*, whose blood was shed, as in his messages declared, were, or were not, at that time, *armed* officers

and *soldiers*, sent into that settlement by the military order of the President, through the Secretary of War; and,

*Eighth.* Whether the military force of the United States, including those *citizens*, was, or was not, so sent into that settlement after General Taylor had, more than once, intimated to the War Department that, in his opinion, no such movement was necessary to the defence or protection of Texas.

And then the said resolutions were laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Hilliard gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill for changing the place of holding the United States court for the middle district of Alabama, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. George S. Houston,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the maximum of compensation paid to railroads and steamboats for the transportation of the mail of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Brunswick, by the way of Compton's Ferry, to Chilicothe, in the State of Missouri.

Mr. Phelps gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills of the following titles, viz.:

A bill donating land to the State of Missouri, for the improvement of the navigation of the Osage river;

A bill to pay to the State of Missouri two per cent. upon the proceeds of the sales of the public lands sold within the State of Missouri, and which have been reserved for the purpose of constructing a road to the State of Missouri.

Mr. McClelland gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz.:

A bill for the relief of Shadrach Gillet and others;

A bill to amend an act confirming certain land claims in the State of Michigan;

A joint resolution relating to errors and defective returns in certain surveys, plats, and field notes.

On motion of Mr. Willard P. Hall,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reviving the act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses, and other property, lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved January 18, 1837, as amended by an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide payment for horses, and other property, lost in the military service of the United States,'" approved October 14, 1837; and as still further amended, by an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide for the payment of horses, and other property, lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States, approved the eighteenth of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven,'" approved August 23, 1842; and applying the provisions of the same to the volunteers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States

since the 13th of May, 1846, are now, or shall hereafter be, in said service; and that said Committee be also instructed to inquire into the expediency of paying the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, of such volunteers, for parts of rations, when the United States have failed, or shall hereafter fail, to supply the same; and to report to this House by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Jamieson offered the following resolution; which was read, and debate arising thereon, it was laid over, under the rule, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant-at-arms be authorized to employ a clerk, who shall receive the same compensation as the Speaker's messenger.

On motion of Mr. Green,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the propriety of making provision, by *general* laws, for the relinquishment of the sixteenth sections of land, heretofore granted for the support of common schools, in all cases when such lands are of an inferior quality, and for the selection of *other public* lands for the same purpose, in lieu of the lands thus relinquished.

Mr. Robert W. Johnson gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to create a new judicial district in the State of Arkansas.

On motion of Mr. McClelland, by general consent,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be requested to furnish this House with a copy of the report from the Bureau of Topographical Engineers, in reference to the commerce of the lakes and western rivers, made in conformity with a resolution of the Senate of the 15th January last.

Mr. Bingham gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to grant alternate sections of land to the State of Michigan for the completion of the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal.

On motion of Mr. Kaufman,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing, by law, postmasters to receive subscriptions for newspapers, periodicals, &c., and to transmit the same through the General Post Office to the publishers; and that said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Kaufman,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of *reducing* the postage on letters to a uniform rate of five cents on each single letter.

On motion of Mr. Kaufman,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a light-house at Sabine Pass, in the State of Texas.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration,

particularly the bill (No. 6) making an appropriation to supply, in part, a deficiency in the appropriations for subsistence in kind of the army and volunteers during the year ending the 30th June, 1848, and had directed him to report the said bill to the House without amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; when the same was

Ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The said bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and particularly the annual message of the President of the United States, and had come to no conclusion thereon.

In pursuance of the act establishing a Smithsonian Institution for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men,

The Speaker appointed Mr. Hilliard, Mr. Marsh, and Mr. McClelland, regents of the said institution on the part of this House.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at twenty-five minutes past 2 o'clock, p. m., adjourned.

## THURSDAY, December 23, 1847.

The following memorials, petitions, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of the legal representatives of Richard Harris and Nimrod Farrow—heretofore presented December 10, 1845;

Also, the memorial of Martin Thomas, late superintendent of the public lead mines in Missouri, Illinois, and Wisconsin—heretofore presented December 18, 1837;

Also, the petition of David Thomas—heretofore presented January 2, 1847;

Also, the petition of Joseph C. Doxey—heretofore presented March 5, 1844;

Also, the petition of Amelia Brereton, widow of Dr. John A. Brereton, deceased—heretofore presented December 15, 1845;

Also, the memorial of William B. Norris, one of the executors of John Norris—heretofore presented February 5, 1845;

Also, the petition of William S. Tillard, legal representative of Matilda Drury—heretofore presented December 22, 1843;

Also, the petition of Jeremiah Moors—heretofore presented January 30, 1845;

Also, the petition of John S. Devlin, administrator of Major Elijah J. Weed—heretofore presented, January 29, 1845;

Also, the petition of John Anderson—heretofore presented January 20, 1845;

Also, the petition of Francis Allyn, captain of the ship Adams—heretofore presented January 28, 1836;

Also, the petition of William Greer—heretofore presented June 8, 1846;

Also, the petition of Noah A. Phelps—heretofore presented December 28, 1846;

Also, the petition of Colonel Robert Wallace—heretofore presented December 17, 1845;

Also, the petition of B. O. Tayloe—heretofore presented December 26, 1843;

Also, the petition of the heirs of Mathew Stewart—heretofore presented January 22, 1846;

Also, the petition of Samuel Perry—heretofore presented December 27, 1844;

Also, the petition of the heirs of Gassaway Watkins—heretofore presented April 17, 1846;

Also, the petition of Archibald Bull and Samuel S. Finch—heretofore presented March 16, 1846;

Also, the petition of Elisha F. Richards—heretofore presented December 14, 1846;

Also, the petition of Michael Nourse—heretofore presented March 6, 1846;

Also, the petition of John Lee—heretofore presented January 2, 1846.

By Mr. Ligon: The petition of Bent, St. Vrain, and Company, praying payment for a quantity of provisions supplied by them for the use of a detachment of the United States army under a contract with an United States officer;

Also, the petition of J. Throckmorton, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained by the non-fulfilment of a contract by officers of the United States.

By Mr. Marsh: The petition of Harmon Lowry—heretofore presented December 9, 1847.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The petition of Thomas Allen—heretofore presented March 10, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Giddings: The documents relating to the claim of James Foster—heretofore presented February 17, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Marsh: The petition of Samuel Page—heretofore presented February 25, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, the petition of John Newton—heretofore presented January 20, 1846.

By Mr. William Thompson: The petition of citizens of the State of Iowa, praying for the establishment of another land district in said State, with a land office to be located at Fort Des Moines.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of Iowa, praying for the establishment of a post route from Alexandria, in the State of Missouri, to Fort Des Moines: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Jacob Thompson, of the State of Mississippi: The petition of John and Daniel Miller, assignees of Joseph Perry, a Choctaw Indian: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill (No. 27) entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, in certain cases, and for other purposes:'" in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have appointed a Committee on Enrolled Bills, on their part, consisting of Mr. Rusk and Mr. Upham.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Thibodeaux,

*Resolved*, That when this House adjourns to-day, it will adjourn to meet on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of Wisconsin Territory, transmitting, for the use of Congress, two copies of the laws of said Territory, passed in the year 1847: which letter and laws were laid upon the table.

The Speaker announced as the select committee, under the resolution of the House of the 20th instant, relative to the average value of the foreign silver coins in circulation in the United States,

Mr. Julius Rockwell, Mr. Thibodeaux, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Charles Brown, and Mr. Green Adams.

Mr. Jonathan D. Morris rose and announced, that the honorable Thomas L. Hamer, a member elect of this House, from the State of Ohio, died at Monterey, in Mexico, the 21st of December last.

And thereupon, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That this House has heard with deep and unfeigned regret the death of General Thomas L. Hamer, one of its members elect from the seventh congressional district of Ohio.

*Resolved*, That this House, desiring to show due and proper respect for the memory of the deceased, will wear the usual badge of mourning on the left arm for thirty days.

*Resolved*, *further*, That the Clerk forward to the family of the deceased a copy of the proceedings hereof.

*Resolved*, *further*, That, as an additional mark of respect, this House will now adjourn.

Whereupon the Speaker, at 25 minutes past 12 o'clock, announced the House adjourned until Monday next.

## MONDAY, December 27, 1847.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Bocock: The petition of William Via—heretofore presented December 13, 1844;

Also, the petition of Lucy Wright, widow of Andrew Wright, deceased—heretofore presented December 11, 1845;

Also, the petition of Ann O. Wright, executrix of Aima Byrd, deceased, late widow of Francis Ottway Byrd—heretofore presented December 15, 1845;

Also, The petition of Nancy King, widow of Jesse Tucker, deceased—heretofore presented December 11, 1845;

Also, the petition of Elizabeth Martin, widow of George Martin, deceased, heretofore presented December 18, 1845;

Also, the petition of Lucy Johnson, heir of Sarah Victor, deceased, late widow of John Victor—heretofore presented December 15, 1845.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of Anna Yarrington, widow of Jonathan Park, deceased—heretofore presented March 30, 1840.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The memorial of James B. and Bennett White, heirs at law of Captain William Davenport—heretofore presented July 15, 1846.

By Mr. Roman: The petition of Isaac Beall, son of Captain Thomas Beall, deceased—heretofore presented March 24, 1846.

By Mr. Pendleton: The petition of the heirs of Apollos Cooper, deceased—heretofore presented December 11, 1837.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Kellogg: The petition of Lewis Hastings—heretofore presented January 12, 1846.

By Mr. Bocock: The petition of the heirs of William Evans, deceased—heretofore presented December 17, 1844.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Marsh: The petition of Martha Hough—heretofore presented June 12, 1846.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of Elizabeth Converse, widow of Josiah Converse, deceased—heretofore presented February 17, 1834.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Gayle: The memorial of citizens of the county of Monroe, in the State of Alabama, praying relief for the heirs of Semoice, a Creek Indian—heretofore presented January 15, 1847: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of Aquilla Goodwin—heretofore presented December 16, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of Abner E. Van Ness—heretofore presented December 10, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The memorial of citizens of the city of Rochester, in the State of New York, in relation to the location of

a military station—heretofore presented February 19, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Dickinson: The memorial of citizens of the State of Ohio, praying for the construction of a road to run southwardly from Lower Sandusky to the Greenville treaty line, in accordance with the stipulations of the treaty of Brownstown, of 1808: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The memorial of merchants, and other citizens of the city and State of New York, praying that measures be taken to expedite with greater despatch the great southern and western mails.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of citizens of the State of Florida, praying for the extension of a mail route.

By Mr. Faran: The petition of citizens of the State of Ohio, praying that the pre-payment of three cents on transient newspapers, be reduced to one cent, for any distance within the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committe on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The memorial of citizens of the United States, praying that an appropriation be made for the purpose of building, and stationing at or near Bartlett's reef, a floating light, and bell vessel, of proper dimensions.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of Joseph Emeric, of the city and State of New York, praying for the repayment of excess of duties paid upon shawls.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of Daniel Gaffney—heretofore presented December 16, 1844;

Also, the petition praying for bounty due the schooner Defiance—heretofore presented February 12, 1846;

Also, the petition of John H. Russell and others, praying for bounty due the schooner Lucy Ann—heretofore presented January 7, 1845;

Also, the petition of Israel Goodridge and others, praying for bounty due the schooner Blooming Youth—heretofore presented December 16, 1844;

Also, the petition of William Humphreys, jr., owner of the schooner Good Exchange—heretofore presented February 25, 1846;

Also, the petition of William Fabens, owner of the schooner Garland—heretofore presented January 29, 1845;

Also, the petition of Ebenezer Wheelright, owner of the schooner Success—heretofore presented December 16, 1844;

Also, the petition of William Ellery and others, praying for bounty due the schooners Sevo and Ida—heretofore presented December 13, 1844.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. George W. Jones, by general consent, offered the following resolution:

Whereas there are now some nine thousand applications for bounty land and treasury scrip, under the act of February 11, 1847,

on file in the Pension Office, not yet examined, and the number daily increasing, (besides a large number of cases which have been partially examined, and suspended for want of additional proof, which cannot, with the present clerks employed in that office, be disposed of, with the other business of the office, in the next twelve months,) causing great delay in adjudicating those claims, and manifest injustice to the claimants; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of authorizing the Secretary of War to employ such additional number of clerks in the Pension Office, temporarily, as the exigencies of that office and the rights of applicants demand; and that the Committee be requested to report by bill or otherwise, at the earliest practicable day.

The said resolution was read; when

Mr. Goggin moved that it be laid upon the table; which motion was disagreed to.

The question recurred upon the resolution.

And, after debate, and while proceeding upon the same,

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Dickens, their Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:* I am directed to notify the House of Representatives of the death of Hon. John Fairfield, late one of the Senators from the State of Maine, who died at his lodgings, in this city, on Friday last.

And thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Hammons, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That this House has heard, with deep sensibility, the announcement of the death of the honorable John Fairfield, a Senator in Congress from the State of Maine.

*Resolved*, That, as a testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, the members and officers of this House will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

*Resolved*, That the proceedings of this House, in relation to the death of the honorable John Fairfield, be communicated to the family of the deceased, by the Clerk.

*Resolved*, That this House will attend the funeral of the deceased in a body; and, as a further mark of respect for his memory, that it do now adjourn.

And then, at 5 minutes before 1 o'clock, p. m., the Speaker announced that the House stood adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1847.

I. The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Solicitor of the Treasury, transmitting a report, in obedience to a resolution of the House of the 20th January, 1847, upon the claim of Matthews, Wood, and Hall: which letter and report were referred to the Committee of Claims, and ordered to be printed.

II. Also, a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, in

compliance with the law of March 3, 1809, an abstract of expenditures under the head of contingent expenses of the Navy Department for the year ending the 30th of September, 1847: which letter and abstract were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

III. Also, a letter from the Solicitor of the Treasury, communicating, pursuant to the act of March 3, 1847, the result of his examination of the case of John Pickett and others, owners of the brig Albert: which letter and papers were referred to the Committee of Claims, and ordered to be printed.

The Speaker also presented a petition from the American Peace Society, praying that measures may be adopted for restoring peace between the United States and Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, a memorial of John Boyle, of Washington city, praying for compensation for his property taken for public use: which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a memorial of Ithamar Rogers, of the State of Maine, praying the release of her son from the military service of the United States; and setting forth that he was induced to enlist while in a partial state of insanity: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a petition of Nathaniel Willis and others, citizens of the State of Massachusetts, praying a reduction of the postage on newspapers: which petition was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By general consent, Mr. Hunt gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a joint resolution expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Winfield Scott and the troops under his command, for their distinguished gallantry and good conduct in the campaign of 1847.

Mr. T. Butler King presented a communication from the Secretary of the navy, relative to the dry dock at New York, and recommending an appropriation for immediate use: which communication was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Sawyer,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of excluding all white traders from Indian territory, and confining the trade within said territory exclusively to Indians residing therein, who shall have free intercourse with each other for commercial and all other purposes connected with their interests and happiness; and to report to this House by bill or otherwise, as early as practicable.

The Speaker announced, as the regular order of business, the calling of the States and Territories for the presentation of petitions, commencing at Wisconsin, when the following petitions were presented:

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for an appropriation for a light-house at Sauk harbor—heretofore presented January 27, 1845;

Also, the petition of citizens of the Territory of Wisconsin, pray-

ing an appropriation for the construction of a harbor at the mouth of Sheboygan river—heretofore presented February 8, 1745;

Also, the petition of citizens of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying an appropriation for the construction of a harbor at the mouth of the Manitowoc—heretofore presented February 24, 1845.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Also, the memorial of a public meeting of citizens of Potosi, in Grant county, and Territory of Wisconsin, praying an appropriation to complete the improvement of the landing at that place—heretofore presented January 28, 1847: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Cabell: The memorial of the Legislature of the State of Florida, praying for the appointment of a board of commissioners to ascertain losses of citizens of said State by the destruction of their property in the Seminole war of 1836: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, the petition of William Depeyster and others, heirs of Henry N. Cruger, D. R. Dunham, and others, praying for the appointment of a board of commissioners to ascertain losses sustained by the depredations of the Indians while they were occupants of the public lands in the State of Florida: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, the preamble and resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Florida, in favor of an appropriation to remunerate and indemnify the citizens of said State who have suffered losses from depredations of the Indians in the late Seminole war: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Bingham: The petition of citizens of the State of Michigan, praying for the establishment of a daily mail route from Howell to the capital of said State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Willard P. Hall: The petition of citizens of the State of Missouri, praying for a donation of land for the purpose of constructing a railroad from Hannibal to St. Joseph's, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Inge: The memorial of lawyers and other citizens of the State of Alabama, praying that the district court of the United States for the middle district of Alabama may be permanently holden at the city of Tuscaloosa: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Wick: The petition of Hamilton Lapham, of Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, praying for the extension of a patent: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Caleb B. Smith presented a petition of citizens of the State of Indiana, praying that slavery and the slave trade may be abolished in the District of Columbia and the Territories of the United States; and moved that the said petition be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Cabell moved that it be laid on the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 76 / Nays ..... 70

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boyden
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Lucien B. Chase
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Mr. Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Willard P. Hall
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Mr. John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Isaac E. Morse
John S. Pendleton
Samuel O. Peyton
William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Patrick W. Tompkins
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Joshua R. Giddings
Mr. Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland
Dudley Marvin
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Gideon Reynolds
William Rockhill
Mr. Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Peter H. Sylvester
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Amos Tuck
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

So the said petition was laid upon the table.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Hugh White: The petition of George F. De la Roche and William P. Sanger—heretofore presented January 25, 1845;

Also, the petition of Horatio Sprague—heretofore presented December 22, 1842.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of the heirs of Antonio Pacheco—heretofore presented December 28, 1843: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Henley: The petition of Frederick E. Sickles and Truman Cook—heretofore presented March 24, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of the heirs of Albert A. Muller—heretofore presented December 9, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Peck: The petition of citizens of the State of Vermont, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Northumberland West to East Burke, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of Peter Snyder and others, heirs of John Snyder, deceased, praying for the extension of the "act to allow further time to complete the issuing and locating of military land warrants during the late war, of 1812, with Great Britain:" which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Also, the petition of citizens of Braceville, in the county of Franklin, and State of Ohio, praying that Congress take a reverse of measures upon the whole matter of the war with Mexico; that there be no more slave territory added to the United States; and that the grievances of all who have been injured by said war be redressed: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. William G. Brown: Additional papers in the case of William Sparks.

By Mr. Sawyer: The petition of Amos Bull—heretofore presented December 9, 1845.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and papers be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

The Senate have passed the following resolutions, viz:

*Resolved unanimously*, That, as a mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. John Fairfield, late a Senator from the State of Maine, the Vice President, the members of the Senate, and its officers, will, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon of this day, accompany in procession his mortal remains from his late residence to the depot, where they will be delivered to the Hon. Mr. Clark, a member of the House of Representatives from the State of Maine, to be accompanied by him to the family of the deceased, in said State; and that the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives be respectfully invited to attend.

*Resolved*, That the Chaplain of the Senate be requested to deliver the funeral sermon of the Hon. John Fairfield, at the Capitol, on the next Sabbath.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be communicated to the House of Representatives.

And then he withdrew.

The said message was read: when,

On motion of Mr. Williams, it was

*Resolved*, That the Speaker of the House, its members and officers, in compliance with the invitation of the Senate, and as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Fairfield, will attend his remains at his late residence, and accompany them to the depot, at half past 4 o'clock in the afternoon of this day; when they will be put into the care of the Hon. Mr. Clark, to be accompanied by him to the family of the deceased in the State of Maine.

And then, on motion of Mr. Williams, the House, at 15 minutes beore 1 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock meridian.

## WEDNESDAY, December 29, 1847.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Hudson: The petition of Ferdinand N. Clark—heretofore presented January 19, 1847: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. William Thompson: The petition of citizens of the State Iowa, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Alexandria, in the State of Missouri, to Fort Des Moines, in the State of Iowa.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of citizens of the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a daily mail route from Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, to Mansfield, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Morse: The petition of Andrew Brien, and other citizens of the State of Louisiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Paloulde to Atchafalaya river.

By Mr. Eckert: The petition of citizens of Schuylkill county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the repeal of so much of the post office law as prohibits the carrying newspapers, by mail, free, to post offices within the counties in which they are published.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Charles E. Stuart rose, and announced the death of the honorable Edward Bradley, a member elect of this House from the State of Michigan, who died in the city of New York, during the late recess of Congress.

And thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Charles E. Stuart, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That this House has heard, with deep sensibility, the announcement of the death of the honorable Edward Bradley, late a member elect of the present Congress from the second district of Michigan.

*Resolved*, That, as a testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, the members and officers of this House will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

*Resolved*, That the proceedings of this House, in relation to the death of the honorable Edward Bradley, be communicated to the family of the deceased, by the Clerk.

*Resolved*, That the House, as a further mark of respect for his memory, do now adjourn.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate a copy of the said resolutions to the Senate.

And then the Speaker, at 17 minutes past 12 o'clock, p. m., announced that the House stood adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1847.

The Speaker announced, as the first business in order, the calling of the States for the presentation of petitions, commencing at the State of Indiana; when

The following petitions were presented:

By Mr. Daniel Duncan: The petition of citizens of Delaware county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the attention of Congress to the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown, of 1808, and acts of Congress designed to carry into effect its stipulations;

Also, a like petition of citizens of the counties of Sandusky, Seneca, Wyandot, Marion, and Delaware.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Miller: The petition of Jacob Brinkerhoff, and other citizens of Richland county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a daily mail route from Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, to Mansfield, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Dickinson: The petition of citizens of the county of Sandusky, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Lower Sandusky to Cold Creek.

By Mr. Taylor: The petition of citizens of Jackson county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a new mail route from Jackson Court House to Portsmouth.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Cocke: The petition of Robert Ellis—heretofore presented February 6, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Crozier: The petition of citizens of the counties of Roane and McMinn, in the State of Tennessee, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Athens to Kingston, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Andrew Johnson: The petition of Rachel Salts, widow of John Salts, deceased, of Green county, in the State of Tennessee, praying for relief, on account of the disabilities incurred by her husband in the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Boyd: The petition of Sarah Stokes, widow of John Stokes, deceased, of Graves county, in the State of Kentucky, praying for a pension, as provided under the act of July 4, 1836, granting half-pay and pensions to certain widows: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Stephens: The petition of Thomas L. Ross, postmaster at Macon, in the State of Georgia, praying for the attention of Congress to the reduced pay of postmasters: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The petition of Lieutenant David D. Porter, in behalf of Eliza Bache, widow of the late Lieutenant G. M. Bache, praying remuneration for the property and money of her late husband, which was swept overboard from the United States brig Washington, when he was drowned: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Goggin: The petition of Thomas N. Welch, administrator of Churchill Gibbs, deceased, late a soldier of the Revolution, praying for a residue of half-pay due his intestate: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims;

Also, the petition of the heirs of Colonel Charles Lewis, deceased, of Albemarle county, in the State of Virginia, praying an allowance of seven years' half-pay, for services as an officer of the Virginia continental line: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Goggin: The petition of Thomas J. Randolph, praying Congress to purchase or publish the manuscripts of Thomas Jefferson, late President of the United States: which was laid upon the table, and the memorial and accompanying papers were ordered to be printed.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The petition of citizens of Warren county, in the State of New York, praying for Congress to pass a law to continue the pensions granted to widows of revolutionary officers and soldiers during their natural lives: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of the common council of Buffalo, in the State of New York, praying for an appropriation of four hundred thousand dollars, for the improvement of Buffalo harbor, and that it be passed in a separate bill, for that purpose: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Hubbard: The petition of the Legislature of the State of Connecticut, praying that if any territory shall hereafter be acquired by the United States, or annexed thereto, that slavery or involuntary servitude—except as a punishment for crime—shall be forever excluded from the territory acquired or annexed: which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. Abbott: The petition of James Burns, of Newburyport, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for a pension in consideration of wounds and disabilities received while on board the frigate Constellation, in her conflict with a French ship-of-war: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Ashmun: The petition of the Springfield Manufacturing Company, praying payment for a balance due for manufacturing muskets for the United States: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Also, the petition of Ruth Loomis, of West Springfield, in the State of Massachusetts, widow of Amasa Loomis, deceased, praying

for a pension in consideration of the services of her husband during the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Also, the petition of citizens of Deerfield, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for a discontinuance of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Palfrey: The petition of citizens of Tioga county, in the State of New York, praying that all constitutional means be used to bring to an immediate close the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, a similar petition of citizens of Kennebunk, in the State of Maine: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, the petition of Elizabeth Howe and others, praying that the necessary steps be taken to secure an immediate and permanent peace with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, a like petition of citizens of Lancaster, in the State of Massachusetts: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of Sylvester Bourne and other citizens of Falmouth, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that a buoy be placed on a rock at the mouth of Wood Hole, Little Harbor.

Also, the petition of citizens of Falmouth, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for an approdriation to save the harbor of Great Woods hole.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Also, the petition of Bartlet Pease, of Tisbury, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for a pension in consideration of his services on board the ship Columbia, on a voyage of trade and discovery in the year 1790: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. John Quincy Adams: The petition of Francis Freeman, administrator of William H. Freeman, deceased—heretofore presented March 4, 1846: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Also, the petition of Esther Scollay, of Brighton, in the State of, Massachusetts, widow of John Scollay, deceased, praying for a pension in consideration of the services of her late husband in the revolutionary war.

Also, the petition of Henrietta Moore and other widows of revolutionary soldiers, praying for a continuance of their pensions during their natural lives.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. John Quincy Adams presented a petition of William J. Cunningham and others, citizens of the city of Philadelphia, praying for an immediate and proportionate reduction of postage on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Also, the petition of Jacob Kerr, of Seneca falls, in the State of

New York, praying remuneration for the loss of four revolutionary land warrants, and, also, the original petition on the same subject—heretofore presented December 8, 1843: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Peaslee: The petition of William M. Laighton and other warrant officers in the United States navy, praying remuneration for extra duty performed in the exploring expedition under Captain Wilkes: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Tuck presented a petition of citizens of the city of Philadelphia, praying the passage of a law prohibiting the international slave trade: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Tuck presented a petition of citizens of Philadelphia, praying that the public lands may be appropriated in aid of the extinction of slavery throughout the Union; and moved that it be referred to the Committee on Territories.

Mr. Gayle moved that the said petition be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 87 / Nays ..... 70

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Emile La Sère
Shepherd Leffler
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
Mr. James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
John S. Pendleton
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Patrick W. Tompkins
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
Mr. Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John Dickey
James Dixon
Mr. William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly

Mr. David Fisher
George Fries
Joshua R. Giddings
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Mr. Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Mr. Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

So the said petition was laid upon the table.

Mr. Gayle moved that the vote by which the House referred to the Committee on the Judiciary the petition this day presented by Mr. Tuck for the prohibition of the international slave trade, be reconsidered; and

Debate arising upon the said motion to reconsider, the further consideration of the petition was laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Caleb B. Smith,

*Resolved*, That when the House adjourns to-day, it will adjourn to meet on Monday next.

Mr. Tuck presented a petition of inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, praying the abolition of slavery throughout the Union, and moved that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Alexander Evans moved that it be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the said petition was laid upon the table.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 6) entitled "An act making an appropriation to supply, in part, a deficiency in the appropriations for subsistence in kind of the army and volunteers during the year ending the 30th June, 1848," without amendment.

They have passed a bill (No. 31) entitled "An act to provide for the purchase of the manuscript papers of the late James Madison, former President of the United States:"

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Smart presented a petition of citizens of Waldo county, in the State of Maine, praying that Searsport may be made a port of entry: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Stephens,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to report to this House when the copies of the President's late annual message, with the accompanying documents, which were ordered to be printed, may be expected to be delivered for distribution; and whether any action of this House—and, if any, what—can facilitate the execution of the public printing of the House.

Under the 24th rule of the House, Mr. John Quincy Adams laid

upon the Clerk's table the petition of Ann Pearsee, widow of Jonathan Pearsee—heretofore presented May 11, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

The Speaker announced, as the business next in order, the calling of the committees, for the presentation of reports; when

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, reported bills of the following titles, viz.:

No. 12. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of James Brown; and,

No. 13. A bill for the relief of Daniel Robinson—accompanied by a report, in each case: which bills were read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the said bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crowell, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Patrick Cunningham, James Morrow, William Brook, George B. Hallenback: which reports were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the petition of Jones & Bell, for a register for the barque "Sarah and Eliza," reported a bill (No. 14) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to grant a register to the barque Sarah and Eliza: which bill was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands, made an adverse report upon the memorial of the board of trustees of "the Protestant University of the United States," for a donation of land: which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed, together with the memorial accompanying the same.

Mr. Brodhead, from the Committee on Public Lands, made an adverse report upon the petition of N. P. Bemis, of the State of Florida, for a grant of land to enable him to make experiments in the production of turpentine: which report was laid upon the table.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (No. 6) entitled "An act making an appropriation to supply, in part, a deficiency in the appropriations for subsistence, in kind, of the army and volunteers, during the year ending the 30th June, 1848," and found the same duly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of Satterlee Clark, praying payment of a judgment rendered in his favor, and against the United States, in the State of New York, in the year 1827—heretofore presented January 26, 1847.

By Mr. Black: The petition of Reuben Perry and Thomas P. Legare—heretofore presented December 21, 1846.

By Mr. Bowdon: The petition of William Stocks—heretofore presented December 27, 1845.

By Mr. Dunn: The petition of Caleb Bell, administrator of Ma-

thew Bell, deceased, late of Monroe county, and State of Indiana, praying that a balance due the said Mathew Bell, who was a dragoon in the service of the United States at the time of his death, may be paid to his heirs-at-law;

Also, The petition of Elijah and George W. Milam, late privates in a company of United States rangers, praying remuneration for the loss of a horse, while in the service of government, during the Black Hawk war.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of Adolphus Wislizemus, of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, praying compensation for medicines furnished by him to the United States army, and for his services as a physician in Lieutenant Mitchell's escort, in Mexico;

Also, the petition of Roswell Fitch, of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, heir of Elijah Fitch, praying for the settlement of the accounts of Ezekiel Fitch, for land due for services rendered during the French war.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Palfrey: The petition of the president and fellows of Harvard college, at Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts, praying to be permitted to import, free of duty, those parts of a telescope, for said institution, not yet received—heretofore presented December 15, 1846;

Also, the petition of the president and fellows of Harvard college, at Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts, in relation to the duties on books and scientific apparatus, imported for the use of said institution—heretofore p esented December 28, 1846.

By Mr. Hudson: The petition of Daniel Wadsworth, executor of Jeremiah Wadsworth—heretofore presented February 18, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Grinnell: Two petitions of citizens of Bristol, Nantucket, Barnstable, and Dukes counties, in the State of Massachusetts, in relation to a marine hospital at New Bedford—heretofore presented December 15, 1845;

Also, the petition of Joseph H. Lewis, and other officers and seamen, engaged in the whale fishery, praying that they may be entitled to the privileges of the United States marine hospitals, and be assessed hospital money—heretofore presented April 11, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The memorial of Joshua Dodge, late tobacco agent in Germany, praying for further compensation for services and expenses as special agent of the United States to negotiate with certain European governments for a modification of the duties imposed by them on tobacco; and for attendance, and information furnished to the select committee of the House of Representatives, of the first session of the 26th Congress, on the tobacco trade.

By Mr. Crowell: Two petitions of citizens of Trumbull county,

in the State of Ohio, praying for Congress to take a reverse of measures on the matter of the Mexican war, that there may be no more slave territory, and that all who have been injured by said war may be redressed.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. Dunn: The petition of Daniel Hart, of the county of Sullivan, and State of Indiana, praying for a land warrant to issue to him, as legatee of his father, Adam Hart, deceased, for revolutionary service: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Isaac E. Holmes: The petition of I. S. K. Reeves, adjutant of the military academy, praying that, in consequence of the great responsibility of the office of the adjutant of the military academy, he may be placed, henceforth, upon an equal footing, in respect to pay and allowances, with the adjutants of regiments in the army: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Dunn: The petition of Jane Sulcer, of Green county, and State of Indiana, praying for a pension, in consideration of the services of her late husband, William Sulcer, deceased, a soldier of the Revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions;

Also, the petition of Alexander McDonald, of Hancock county, in the State of Illinois, praying for a pension, on account of wounds and disabilities received in the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Charles E. Stuart: The petition of citizens of the counties of Calhoun, Eaton, and Ingham, in the State of Michigan, praying for the establishment of a post route from Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun, to Michigan, in the county of Ingham: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Goggin, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to which was referred the joint resolution (No. 1) authorizing the Postmaster General to renew his engagement with the Richmond and other railroads, reported a joint resolution (No. 3) concerning the transportation of the mail from Washington city south; which resolution was read a first and second time: when

Mr. George W. Jones moved that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; which motion was agreed to: when

Mr. Goggin moved that the last mentioned vote be reconsidered.

And, after debate,

Mr. Robert W. Johnson moved that the said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Schenck, the House, at half-past 2 o'clock, adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## MONDAY, January 3, 1848.

The Speaker announced, as the business first in order, the motion made on Thursday last, by Mr. Goggin, to reconsider the vote by which the House committed to the Committee of the Whole House

on the state of the Union the joiut resolution (No. 3) concerning the transportation of the mail "from Washington city south."

The question first in order being the motion made by Mr. Robert W. Johnson on Thursday last, (and pending when the House adjourned,) to lay the said motion to reconsider upon the table.

Thereupon Mr. Johnson withdrew his said motion.

And the question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Goggin to reconsider: when

Mr. Goggin withdrew his said motion.

Mr. Botts moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to move that the said joint resolution (No. 3) concerning the transportation of the mail from Washington city south be made the special order for to-morrow.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended for the purpose aforesaid?

It was decided in the affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Botts accordingly submitted his motion, which was considered, and agreed to by the House.

The following memorials, petitions, and other papers were laid on the Clerk's table under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of Benjamin Sayre—heretofore presented February 6, 1840.

By Mr. Andrew Johnson: The petition of Lewis Roberts, of Sullivan county, in the State of Tennessee, praying for the payment of a balance, his due for service as an artificer in the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Giddings: The memorial of citizens of the State of Ohio, praying for the immediate withdrawal of the troops from Mexico, and to offer the Mexicans honorable terms of peace.

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of Ohio, praying Congress to take the necessary steps for securing peace with Mexico, and restoring to her possession the provinces which have been taken, and restitution made for all wrongs committed against her.

Also, the remonstrance of Thomas Pennock and Ruth Dugdale, in behalf of the Green Plain quarterly meeting of Friends of the State of Ohio against the further prosecution of the war in Mexico.

By Mr. Crowell: The memorial of citizens of Trumbull county, in the State of Ohio, praying for peace with Mexico.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Richardson: The petition of Bradford Larkins, of Ontario county, in the State of New York, praying a grant of such quantity of land as he is entitled to for his services as a soldier in the war of 1812.

Also, the petition of James Vangorden, of Lyons, in the county of Wayne, and State of New York, praying for a grant of bounty land which he is entitled to in consideration of his services as a soldier in the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Sawyer: The petition of citizens of Paulding county, and State of Ohio, praying for a reduction of the price of certain public

lands ceded to the State of Indiana for the construction of the Wabash and Erie canal.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Beale: The petition of Joshua Long, administrator of Denett Long, deceased—heretofore presented June 4, 1846.

By Mr. Collamer: The petition of William Champlin—heretofore presented June 10, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Sawyer: The petition of citizens of Maumee, in the State of Ohio, praying for Congress to pass an act to remunerate them for claims they hold against a band of the Ottowa Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of citizens of East Liverpool, in the State of Ohio, praying the establishment of a daily mail route from Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, to Mansfield, in the State of Ohio: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. James H. Johnson: The petition of citizens of Concord, in the State of New Hampshire, praying for the appointment of an additional inspector of the customs resident in the north part of said State: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of other citizens of Erie county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for Congress to use all constitutional means to terminate immediately the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Belcher: The petition of Samuel Cory, praying for a pension in consideration of his services on board the United States brig-of-war Enterprise, and his sufferings and disabilities received whilst a prisoner in the Dartmoor prison during the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Faran: The petition of citizens of the States of Kentucky and Ohio, praying for additional pay to Samuel Dickson, an invalid pensioner.

By Mr. Meade: The petition of Nathaniel Harrison, of Brunswick county, in the State of Virginia, praying for a pension in consideration of wounds and disabilities received during the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Giddings: The memorial of citizens of the State of Ohio, praying Congress to take measures to divorce the general government from the support of slavery.

Also, the memorial of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying Congress to take into consideration the expediency of endeavoring to effect such change in the constitution and laws, as shall appropriate the public lands of the nation in aid of the extinction of slavery throughout the Union.

*Ordered*, That said memorials be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the rules be suspended to enable him to offer the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of authorizing the Secretary of War to employ such additional number of clerks in the Pension Office, temporarily, as the exigencies of that office and the rights of applicants for bounty lands, treasury scrip, and pensions demand; and that the committee be requested to report by bill or otherwise, at the earliest practicable day.

The said resolution was read;

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended for the purpose aforesaid?

It was decided in the affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Jones accordingly offered his said resolution: when

Mr. Cocke moved to amend the same, by striking out the words "*Secretary of War*," and inserting in lieu thereof "*Commissioner of Pensions.*"

Mr. Jones moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: "Will the House agree to the said amendment moved by Mr. Cocke?"

And decided in the negative. And

The said resolution, as offered by Mr. Jones, was then agreed to by the House.

Mr. Richard W. Thompson, from the Committee on Elections, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That the parties to the contested election from the sixth congressional district of the State of New York be, and they hereby are, authorized to take the testimony of such witnesses as either of them may require, by depositions, in conformity to the laws of the State of New York, in force at the time of taking such testimony, on the subject of contested elections in that State: *Provided*, That the parties may, by agreement under their hands, regulate the mode of giving notice, and other matters of form, at their discretion; but if no such agreement shall be made, then each party shall give to the other such notice of the time and place of taking such depositions as are prescribed in the aforesaid laws of New York: *Provided, also*, That when such depositions are taken, they shall, together with the agreements or notices aforesaid, be sealed up by the officer taking the same, and directed to the Speaker of this House.

Mr. Vinton moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which motion was disagreed to.

The Speaker proceeded to call the several States for resolutions, agreeably to the 26th rule.

Mr. Belcher, by general consent, presented a petition of Samuel Cory, praying a pension in consideration of services rendered in the naval service of the United States during the war of 1812 with Great Britain, of disabilities incurred while confined as a prisoner

of war in Dartmoor prison: which petition was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Peaslee asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 15) for the settlement of the claims of New Hampshire against the United States: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

In pursuance of previons notice, Mr. Peaslee asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 16) to change the place of holding courts in New Hampshire: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Hammons,

*Resolved*, That the petition of Daniel H. Warren, for a pension and for arrearages of pension, with the accompanying papers, be taken from the files of the Clerk, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Ashmun,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing all laws which make it criminal for citizens to transport letters and newspapers by individual or private means.

Mr. Hudson offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of requesting the President of the United States to withdraw to the east bank of the Rio Grande our armies now in Mexico, and to propose to the Mexican government, forthwith, a treaty of peace on the following basis, viz:

That we relinquish all claim to indemnity for the expenses of the war, and that the boundary between the United States and Mexico shall be established at or near the desert between the Nueces and the Rio Grande; that Mexico shall be held to pay all just claims due to our citizens at the commencement of the war; and that a convention shall be entered into by the two nations to provide for the liquidation of those claims, and the mode of payment.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Hudson moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered to be now put.

Mr. Stephens moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table.

Mr. Howell Cobb raised the following question of order: That a motion to lay upon the table was not in order after the previous question had been ordered.

The Speaker decided, that the uniform practice of the House, for many years past, confirmed upon repeated appeals, left him no alternative but to pronounce the motion in order.

From this decision Mr. Cobb appealed.

And the question being put, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 91 / Nays ..... 85

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
Mr. John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nes
Mr. John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Charles W. Catheart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
John H. Harmanson
Mr. Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee
Mr. Lucius B Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Stephens, that the said resolution be laid upon the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 54 / Nays ..... 125

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Nathaniel Boydon
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Lucien B. Chase
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John H. Crozier
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Mr. Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
John W. Farrelly
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
John W. Jones
Mr. T. Butler King
Abraham Lincoln
John A. McClernand
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
Samuel O. Peyton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Alexander H. Stephens
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Patrick W. Tompkins
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
George Ashmun
Thomas H. Bayly
Richart L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
John Blanchard
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Franklin W. Bowdon
Richard Brodhead
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William G. Brown
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John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
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Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
George Fries
Richard French
Joshua R. Giddings
James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Mr. Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
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Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John Jamieson
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William Kennon, jr.
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Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nes
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Mr. John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Peter H. Sylvester
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the House refused to lay the resolution upon the table.

The question recurred on the said resolution: when

Mr. Schenck moved that the vote ordering the main question to be now put be reconsidered;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 90 / Nays ..... 92

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Mr. John Quincy Adams
Mr. Green Adams
Mr. George Ashmun
Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Mr. Washington Barrow
Mr. Hiram Belcher
Mr. John Blanchard
Mr. John M. Botts
Mr. Nathaniel Boydon
Mr. Jasper E. Brady
Mr. Chester Butler
Mr. E. Carrington Cabell
Mr. Thomas L. Clingman
Mr. William M. Cocke
Mr. Jacob Collamer
Mr. Harmon S. Conger
Mr. Robert B. Cranston
Mr. John Crowell
Mr. John H. Crozier
Mr. John Dickey
Mr. James Dixon
Mr. Richard S. Donnell
Mr. William Duer
Mr. Daniel Duncan
Mr. Garnett Duncan
Mr. George N. Eckert
Mr. Thomas O. Edwards
Mr. Elisha Embree
Mr. Alexander Evans
Mr. Nathan Evans
Mr. John W. Farrelly
Mr. David Fisher
Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
Mr. John Gayle
Mr. Meredith P. Gentry
Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
Mr. William L. Goggin
Mr. Joseph Grinnell
Mr. Artemas Hale
Mr. Nathan K. Hall
Mr. James G. Hampton
Mr. Moses Hampton
Mr. William T. Haskell
Mr. William Henry
Mr. Henry W. Hilliard
Mr. John W. Houston
Mr. Samuel D. Hubbard
Mr. Charles Hudson
Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll
Mr. Alexander Irvin
Mr. John W. Jones
Mr. Orlando Kellogg
Mr. T. Butler King
Mr. Daniel P. King
Mr. Abraham Lincoln
Mr. Abraham R. McIlvaine
Mr. George P. Marsh
Mr. Dudley Marvin
Mr. Charles S. Morehead
Mr. Joseph Mullin
Mr. Henry Nes
Mr. John S. Pendleton
Mr. William B. Preston
Mr. Harvey Putnam
Mr. Gideon Reynolds
Mr. Julius Rockwell
Mr. John A. Rockwell
Mr. Joseph M. Root
Mr. David Rumsey, jr.
Mr. Daniel B. St. John
Mr. Robert C. Schenck
Mr. Augustine H. Shepperd
Mr. Eliakim Sherrill
Mr. John I. Slingerland
Mr. Caleb B. Smith
Mr. Truman Smith
Mr. Alexander H. Stephens
Mr. Andrew Stewart
Mr. John Strohm
Mr. Peter H. Sylvester
Mr. Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Mr. John L. Taylor
Mr. Patrick W. Tompkins
Mr. Richard W. Thompson
Mr. Robert Toombs
Mr. John Van Dyke
Mr. Samuel F. Vinton
Mr. Cornelius Warren
Mr. James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Mr. Henry Bedinger
Mr. Kinsley S. Bingham
Mr. Ausburn Birdsall
Mr. James A. Black
Mr. Franklin W. Bowdon
Mr. Richard Brodhead
Mr. William G. Brown
Mr. Charles Brown
Mr. Armistead Burt
Mr. Charles W. Cathcart
Mr. Lucien B. Chase
Mr. Beverly L. Clark
Mr. Howell Cobb
Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb
Mr. William Collins
Mr. John D. Cummins
Mr. John R. J. Daniel
Mr. Rudolphus Dickinson
Mr. George G. Dunn
Mr. James J. Faran
Mr. Winfield S. Featherston
Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. George Fries
Mr. Richard French
Mr. James S. Green
Mr. Willard P. Hall
Mr. David Hammons
Mr. John H. Harmanson
Mr. Samson W. Harris
Mr. Thomas J. Henley
Mr. Hugh L. W. Hill
Mr. Isaac E. Holmes
Mr. George S. Houston
Mr. Samuel W. Inge
Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll
Mr. John Jamieson
Mr. Timothy Jenkins
Mr. Andrew Johnson
Mr. James H. Johnson
Mr. Robert W. Johnson
Mr. George W. Jones
Mr. David S. Kaufman
Mr. William Kennon, jr.
Mr. Samuel Lahm
Mr. Emile La Sère
Mr. Sidney Lawrence
Mr. Shepherd Leffler
Mr. Thomas W. Ligon
Mr. John H. Lumpkin
Mr. Robert McClelland
Mr. John A. McClernand
Mr. James McDowell
Mr. Robert M. McLane
Mr. Job Mann
Mr. Richard K. Meade
Mr. John K. Miller
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Mr. Isaac E. Morse
Mr. Henry C. Murphy
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
Mr. Lucius B. Peck
Mr. George Petrie
Mr. Samuel O. Peyton
Mr. John S. Phelps
Mr. Timothy Pillsbury
Mr. R. Barnwell Rhett
Mr. William A. Richardson

Mr. Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Mr. Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
Mr. William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the House refused to reconsider.

And the question was then put, Will the House agree to the said resolution offered by Mr. Hudson?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 41 / Nays ..... 135

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
George Ashmun
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John Dickey
Mr. James Dixon
Nathan Evans
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George P. Marsh
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Julius Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Robert C. Schenck
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
John Strohm
Richard W. Thompson
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kinsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Franklin W. Bowdon
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Robert McClelland
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James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nes
Charles H. Peaslee
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston

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| Mr. Harvey Putnam | Mr. Alexander D. Sims | Mr. Patrick W. Tompkins |
| R. Barnwell Rhett | Ephraim K. Smart | James Thompson |
| William A. Richards | Robert Smith | Jacob Thompson |
| Gideon Reynolds | Frederick P. Stanton | John B. Thompson |
| Thomas Richey | George A. Starkweather | William Thompson |
| John L. Robinson | Alexander H. Stephens | Benjamin B. Thurston |
| William Rockhill | Andrew Stewart | Robert Toombs |
| John A. Rockwell | Charles E. Stuart | Thomas J. Turner |
| Daniel B. St. John | William Strong | John Van Dyke |
| William Sawyer | Peter H. Sylvester | Abraham W. Venable |
| Augustine H. Shepperd | Bannon G. Thibodeaux | William W. Wick |
| Eliakim Sherrill | John L. Taylor | Hezekiah Williams |
| Richard F. Simpson | James H. Thomas | Joseph A. Woodward. |

So the said resolution was not agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 46. An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the barque Canton;

No. 38. An act to provide clothing for volunteers in the service of the United States;

in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

In pursuance of the joint resolution of August 3, 1846, the Senate have appointed Mr. Bradbury, Mr. Cameron, and Mr. Green, of the joint Committee on Printing on the part of the Senate.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act passed at the last session, entitled "An act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels," so that the area for each passenger shall be the same in all cases; and to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Grinnell gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to license yatchs, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Daniel P. King,

*Resolved*, That the Commissioner of Pensions be requested to transmit to the Committee of Claims the petition and accompanying documents of Lovina Gardner, of Massachusetts, widow of David Gardner, one of the crew of the "Bon Homme Richard," commanded by John Paul Jones.

On motion of Mr. Thurston,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of building a breakwater on Block island, in the State of Rhode Island; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. John A. Rockwell asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 17) to revise the consular system of the United States: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Murphy,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce inquire into the ex-

pediency of reporting an appropriation for the removal of the rocks in the harbor of New York, in the east river at its junction with the river Hudson, obstructing the navigation to the naval station in that harbor.

On motion of Mr. Duer,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be directed to inquire into the expediency of allowing a drawback of the duty paid on Canadian wheat upon its exportation, after having been manufactured into flour in this country.

Mr. Jenkins gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to regulate the compensation of postmasters, to exempt certain newspapers from postage, and to reduce the postage on transient newspapers.

Mr. Nathan K. Hall offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That there be printed for the use of this House five thousand copies of the report of Colonel J. J. Abert, of the corps of topographical engineers, which was communicated to the Senate on the 13th instant by the Secretary of War, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of the 17th of January last.

The said resolution was read: when,

On motion of Mr. Henley, it was referred to the joint Committee on Printing.

Mr. Nathan K. Hall gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill making appropriations for the repairs and improvement of the harbor at Buffalo, New York.

Mr. Duer gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to alter the terms of the circuit and district courts for the northern district of New York, and for other purposes.

Mr. Mullin offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to communicate to this House the amount of revenue collected in the several collection districts on the northern frontier of the United States during the year ending the 1st day of December, 1847, together with the names of all persons employed in each district, and the offices they respectively hold, and the amount paid to each between the 1st day of September, 1846, and the 1st day of December, 1847; and whether the number of persons employed in the said districts have been increased or diminished during the period last aforesaid, and the reason for such increase or decrease.

On motion of Mr. Newell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire whether any plan can be devised whereby the dangerous navigation along the coast of New Jersey, between Sandy Hook and Little Egg harbor, may be furnished with additional safeguards to life and property; and that they report to this House by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Andrew Stewart,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing the names of Alexander

McClean, Peter Myers, and Joseph Taylor, soldiers of the late war, on the invalid pension list.

On motion of Mr. Mann,

*Resolved*, That the petition and papers relating to the claim of the heirs of Colonel Archibald Langhery, who was killed by the Indians in 1781, while in the service of the United States, praying for the military bounty lands to which their ancestor was entitled, be taken from the files of the House, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule, viz:

*Resolved*, That the President be requested to inform this House whether any official notice has been taken by this government or its minister in England, by correspondence or otherwise, of the threatening and offensive terms in which the British Secretary of Foreign Affairs is credibly reported to have spoken in his place in the Commons House of Parliament lately, of what he treated as the want of public faith in the United States, permitable by Great Britain.

Mr. Dickey offered the following preamble and joint resolution; which were read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

Whereas, in the prosecution of the war with Mexico, a state of things now exists which threatens the very existence of her nationality, and may be made to react upon the institutions of our own beloved country, creating a domestic conflict about the disposition of the territory that may be acquired, either by conquest or purchase, that may rend asunder this glorious Union.

And whereas, war is at all times a great evil, always to be avoided, when it can be done with honor, and always to be terminated whenever it can be done with justice to both belligerents.

And whereas, in the prosecution of the war with Mexico the United States has sacrificed the lives of thousands of her citizens, either by disease or on the field of battle, has expended all her revenues, and contracted a debt of many millions of dollars.

And whereas, if further prosecuted with a view of obtaining "indemnity for the past and security for the future," it will cost us millions upon millions of money, thousands upon thousands of valuable lives, and requiring increased taxation to sustain the credit of the government; and all that we shall get in return for this sacrifice of life and expenditure of money and taxation of the people will be the jurisdiction, either civil or military, of the territories conquered, and the revenues and public property belonging to the government of Mexico.

And whereas, as by the law of nations we cannot appropriate the property of private citizens of Mexico, by way of indemnity, and may realize nothing from territory which we may acquire from Mexico, the sooner the war is brought to an honorable termination the better it will be for the people of the United States, who have to bear all its burdens.

And whereas the people of the United States, from the nature of their pursuits, must desire a state of peace, rather than military

strife and violence; the agriculturist, the manufacturer, the mechanic, the laborer, the merchant, the man of science, of literature, of law, of medicine, and the teacher of the divine precepts of our holy religion—all of whose occupations are peaceful—must desire that the war with Mexico be terminated, at the earliest period that it can be accomplished with honor and with justice; therefore,

*Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the United States, (the Senate concurring,)* That a committee of five members of the Senate, and five members of the House of Representatives, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to invite a conference with the President of the United States, to advise and consult upon the best mode of terminating the existing war with Mexico, in a manner honorable and just to both belligerents; and that the committee report to each House, respectively, the result of the conference, either in open or secret session, as may be by them deemed advisable.

On motion of Mr. Brodhead,

*Resolved*, That the petition of Benjamin White, of Pennsylvania, be taken from the files of this House, and be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of locating a national foundry in the town of Hollidaysburg, Blair county, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll gave notice of a motion for leave to offer an amendment to the rules of the House, by adding thereto the following, as one of the standing rules:

"*Resolved*, That, from and after the passage of this resolution, it shall not be in order to entertain a motion to lay upon the table after a second to the previous question, notwithstanding any practice or precedents to the contrary."

On motion of Mr. Charles Brown,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of relieving vessels, exclusively engaged in the coasting trade, from the necessity of taking out an annual license, and from other exactions now required by law.

Mr. Moses Hampton gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a joint resolution, providing for the admission of Mexican territory into the American Union, as States or Territories.

On motion of Mr. Van Dyke,

*Resolved*, That the papers in the case of William A. Duer, administrator of William Duer, deceased, be withdrawn from the files of the House.

Mr. John L. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States a bill (No. 6) entitled "An act making an appropriation to supply, in part, a deficiency in the appropriations for subsistence, in kind, of the army and volunteers, during the year ending the 30th June, 1848."

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. John W. Houston asked, obtained leave, and introduced a joint resolution (No. 4) of thanks

to Major General Taylor: which was read a first and second time; when

Mr. Schenck moved that the said resolution be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Henley moved to amend the said motion of Mr. Schenck, by adding thereto the following: "with instructions to insert in the said resolution the following: '*engaged as they were, in defending the rights and honor of the country.*'"

Mr. Ashmun moved to amend the said proposed instructions, by adding at the end of the same the following: "*in a war unnecessarily and unconstitutionally begun by the President of the United States.*"

And the question was put, Will the House agree to the amendment offered by Mr. Ashmun,

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 82 / Nays ..... 81

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Alexander Irvin
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Mr. Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Franklin W. Bowdon
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
Mr. John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Moses Hampton
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Mr. George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sere
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler

Mr. Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Mr. Chalres H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Mr. Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams.

So the said amendment was agreed to.

And pending the question upon the motion made by Mr. Henley, as thus amended,

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 5 minutes past 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, January 4, 1848.

Mr. Goggin, as soon as the Journal of yesterday was read, moved to reconsider the vote by which the House, yesterday, made the joint resolution (No. 3) "for the transportation of the mail from Washington city south," the special order for this day.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

The said vote being reconsidered,

The question recurred on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Goggin yesterday; which was modified, and agreed to, as follows, two-thirds voting in favor thereof:

"*Resolved*, That this House will, on to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and at that time take into consideration the report of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, relative to the transportation of the mail on the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroad and Steamboat Companies."

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying the House that he did this day approve and sign a bill (No. 6) entitled "An act making an appropriation to supply, in part, a deficiency in the appropriations for subsistence, in kind, of the army and volunteers, during the year ending 30th June, 1848."

A message in writing was also received from the President of the United States, which was delivered in at the Speaker's table.

Mr. Brodhead moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 95 / Nays ..... 67

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Mr. James A. Black
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon

Mr. Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
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Moses Hampton
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Mr. Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Alexander Irvin
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
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Samuel O. Peyton
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Patrick W. Tompkins
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
John G Chapman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
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Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
John W. Jones
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William B. Preston
Mr. Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
James Wilson.

And the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union, generally, under consideration, particularly the annual message of the President of the United States, and had come to no resolution thereon.

The Speaker proceeded to call the States for the presentation of petitions, agreeably to the 23d rule of the House, commencing with the State of Maine;

And the following petitions were presented, viz.:

By Mr. Abbott: The petition of citizens of Lowell, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the modification of the 17th section of the act of July 4, 1836, in relation to patents, so far, as that no injunction shall be granted in any case where defendants offer ample security; and also, to provide, by law, for the dissolution of any temporary injunction heretofore granted, upon defendants complying, or plaintiffs refusing to comply, with the provisions of such law: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Truman Smith: The memorial of the officers of the army of the United States, in Mexico, praying for the establishment of a retiring list, for such officers as by age, infirmity, or other cause, become incompetent to discharge their duties in the field, and that their places be filled in a course of regular promotion;

Also, the petition of the officers of the United States army in Mexico, praying for a further provision, by law, for the support of the widows and children of such officers and soldiers as fall in battle, or die in the public service;

Also, the memorial of officers of the army of the United States, in Mexico, praying Congress to establish an asylum for the support of invalid soldiers;

Also, the petition of Frances Fowler, of Naugatuck, in New Haven county, and State of Connecticut, widow of Abraham C. Fowler, deceased, late of the United States army, praying for pecuniary aid, in consideration of the death of her late husband, in the service of the United States;

Also, the petition of Frances P. Gardiner, of Naugatuck, in New Haven county, and State of Connecticut, widow of Captain George W. Gardiner, deceased, who was massacred, with the detachment under Major Dade, by the Indians, in Florida, praying for pecuniary aid, in consideration of the death and loss of her late husband, while in the service of the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of Richard L. Schieffelin, one of the executors, and testamentary agent, of Jacob Schieffelin, late of the city of New York, deceased, praying indemnification for property taken by England, previous to the war of 1812, and abandoned at the treaty of Ghent: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Van Dyke: The petition of Robert Davidson, of New Brunswick, in the State of New Jersey, praying confirmation of title to certain lands in the State of Missouri: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Freedley: The petition of David Cooke, of Plymouth, in Montgomery county, and State of Pennsylvania, praying for the repayment of certain moneys advanced by him, on the credit of the acceptance of the commissary general of the United States, at Philadelphia, during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Strohm: The memorial of the Caln quarterly meeting of

the religious society of Friends, of Lancaster county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying Congress to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Butler: The petition of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the passage of a law, that all regular newspapers be carried in the United States mails free of postage, within the county where printed, and to any distance not over thirty miles out of the county where printed: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads;

Also, the petition of Isaac Porter, of Springville, praying Congress to redeem two hundred and seventy-six dollars of continental money, according to the resolution of Congress under which the same was issued; the said money having been received by the father of the petitioner, for medical services rendered the army during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Charles Brown: The proceedings of a democratic meeting, in the city of Philadelphia, held on the 18th day of December, 1847: which was ordered to be laid on the table.

By Mr. Botts: The memorial of Susan Carleth, praying to be restored to the pension list: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Chase: The petition of L. P. Cheatham—heretofore presented December 19, 1845: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Morehead: The petition of Alfred F. Jones, of Lexington, in the State of Kentucky, praying for an amendment of the patent laws, so as to increase the examiners of the Patent Office: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Clingman: The memorial of the heirs of families of the Cherokee nation of Indians, and the children of their heirs and representatives, praying for redress for the wrongs and injuries they have sustained, from officers of the United States, in relation to certain reservations and pre-emptions of lands, and indemnities for improvements and spoliations: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Henley moved that the vote, ordering the last mentioned memorial to be printed, be reconsidered.

And, the question being put,

It was decided in the negative.

By Mr. Kennon: The resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Ohio, praying Congress to place Henry Johnson, of said State, on the pension roll, at a pension not less than eight dollars per month: which resolutions were ordered to be printed.

By Mr. Nathan Evans: The petition of Trifphey Campbell—heretofore presented February, 1847.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Miller: The petition of one hundred and ninety-two citizens of Richland county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the estab-

lishment of a daily mail route from Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, to Mansfield, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Schenck: The petition of L. G. Curtiss, editor of the "Cincinnati Commercial" newspaper, representing the manner in which he has been illegally refused the printing of the advertisement of the letter list from the post office at Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, praying for legislation that will prevent a fraudulent connivance of several newspapers against a newspaper having a larger circulation than either of them.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Henley: The petition of Willshier Minor, praying remuneration for a horse lost in the Mexican war: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Embree: The petition of citizens of the counties of Vanderburgh and Posey, in the State of Indiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Evansville, in Vanderburgh county, to Cynthiana, in Posey county: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Tompkins: The petition of George T. Swan, S. R. Adams, and Charles Scott, a committee appointed by a convention at Hillsboro', in the State of Mississippi, praying Congress to pass a law authorizing the State of Mississippi to apply any part of the "two per cent. fund" which may be necessary to the completion and maintenance of the railroad between Jackson and Brandon: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Lincoln: The memorial of citizens of Alton, in the State of Illinois, remonstrating against the petition of the city of Alton, praying for a relinquishment of certain lands therein described: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Turner: The petition of Corydon R. Dewey, a citizen of Lee county, in the State of Illinois, praying Congress to pass an act to authorize the said Dewey to flow certain government lands in the Winnebago swamp, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Also, the memorial of the Legislature of the State of Illinois, praying Congress to pass an act giving its consent to the sale of all the residue of the lands originally reserved for the use of "Ohio saline," in Gallatin county, for which the consent of Congress has not been heretofore given, and confirming the titles heretofore granted without such consent: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

By W. R. W. Cobb: The petition of Jonathan Tipton—heretofore presented January 12, 1847: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Harris: The petition of citizens of the State of Alabama, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Wetumpka to Wedowee, in said State.

By Mr. W. R. W. Cobb: The petition of citizens of Jefferson county, in the State of Alabama, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Jasper to Springville, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Leffler: The memorial of the members of the General Assembly and other citizens of the State of Iowa, praying a donation of six sections of the public lands for the benefit of Des Moines college, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Also, the proceedings of a meeting at Iowa city favorable to a project for constructing a railroad from the Mississippi river to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. William Thompson: The petition of citizens of the State of Iowa, praying for a change in mail route 4581, from Burlington to Fairfield, so as to pass through Round prairie, in Jefferson county; and to change and vacate certain post offices: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of Iowa, praying for an extension of the provisions of an act of Congress of July 27, 1842, entitled "An act to provide for satisfying claims for bounty lands for military services in the late war with Great Britain," and for other purposes: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Tweedy: The memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for an appropriation for the construction of a road from the falls of St. Croix to Lapointe—heretofore presented March 3, 1845;

Also, the memorial of the same, praying for an appropriation for the construction of a road from Prairie du Chien to Lapointe—heretofore presented April 7, 1846;

Also, the petition of citizens of Lapointe, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the construction of a road from Lake Superior to some point on the Mississippi river.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Kauffman gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a joint resolution providing for the payment of the regiment of Texas volunteers called into the United States service by Colonel Curtis, the commanding officer at Camargo.

The Speaker announced, as the business next in order, the calling of the committees for reports: when

Mr. T. Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the communication from the Secretary of the Navy relative to an appropriation for the dry dock at New York, reported a bill (No. 19) making an appropriation of $150,000 to be applied towards the construction of a dry dock in the harbor of New York: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stanton, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the petition of Catharine Clark, widow of Joseph Clark,

made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Schenck, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Edward Quinn, praying for a pension, made a report upon the same, accompanied by a bill (No. 20) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Truman Smith, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported a bill (No. 21) to provide for the ascertainment and satisfaction of claims of American citizens for spoliations committed by the French prior to the 31st day of July, 1801: which was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cocke, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Mary Patton, made an adverse report thereon: which was read and laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cocke, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 18) making further provision for surviving widows of the soldiers of the revolution: which was read a first and second time, and the question was stated, Shall the said bill be engrossed? when

Mr. Sims moved that the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which motion was not agreed to.

The said bill was then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day; and

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Mr. Strong, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Catharine Abel, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Strong, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Sarah Nixon, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Strong, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Eunice Goodell, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Strong, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Elizabeth Clapper, made a report upon the same, accompanied by a bill (No. 22) for her relief: which was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, from the same committee, to which was referred the petitions of Alexander Wallace and Mary Corwin, made adverse reports thereon: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Sidney Lawrence,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the heirs of Lieutenant Wadleigh Noyes, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Harriet Barney, widow of Joshua Barney, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 23) for her benefit: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fulton, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of George Newton, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 24) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fulton, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Anthony Walton Bayard, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 25) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Venable, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Russell Goss, accompanied by a bill (No. 26) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Venable, from the same committee, made adverse reports on the petitions of Joseph Coberly and Peter Coville: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farrelly, from the Committee on Patents, reported bills with the following titles, viz:

No. 27. A bill to provide for additional examiners in the Patent Office;

No. 28. A bill for the relief of Calvin Emmons;

No. 29. A bill for the relief of Henry M. Shreve;

accompanied by reports, in the first and last mentioned cases: which bills were read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Henley, from the same committee, reported bills with the following titles, viz:

No. 30. A bill to extend John J. Adams's patent for flattening cylinder window-glass;

No. 31. A bill for the relief of E. G. Smith;

accompanied by a report, in the latter case: which were read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. I. E. Holmes, from the Committe on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (No. 32) for the relief of David Myerle: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole

House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Isaac E. Holmes,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Horatio Sprague, and that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Daniel P. King, from the Committee on Accounts, to which was referred, on the 14th of December last, the resolution offered by Mr. Levin, relating to wrapping paper and envelopes, reported the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the allowance to each member of the House, for stationery, and other articles charged to them by the postmaster, be limited to the sum of thirty-five dollars for the long, and twenty-five dollars for the short session, of each Congress.

The said resolution was read, and agreed to by the House.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the resolution offered by Mr. McKay, on the 14th of December last, providing for the printing of ten thousand copies, extra, of the report upon commerce and navigation; when

On motion of Mr. Henley, it was

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the resolution offered by Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, on the 18th of December last, providing for the printing of extra copies of the report upon the survey of the coast; when,

On motion of Mr. Ingersoll, the blank in the said resolution was filled with "1000," so as to read "one thousand extra copies."

And then,

On motion of Mr. Henley, it was

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the resolution offered by Mr. Brodhead, on the 20th of December last, for printing the usual number of the bill (No. 5) "relative to postage on newspapers;" when,

On motion of Mr. Henley, it was

*Ordered*, That the resolution be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the following resolution, offered by Mr. Goggin on the 20th December last:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House any instructions which may have been given to any of the officers of the army or navy of the United States, or other persons, in regard to the return of President General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, or any other Mexican, to the republic of Mexico, prior or subsequent to the order of the President or Secretary of War, issued in January, 1846, for the march of the army from the Nueces river, across the "*stupendous deserts*" which intervene, to the Rio Grande; that the date of all such instructions, orders, and correspondence, be set forth, together with the instruc-

tions and orders issued to Mr. Slidell, at any time, prior or subsequent to his departure for Mexico, as minister plenipotentiary of the United States to that republic.

The said resolution was again read: and

The question was stated, Will the House agree thereto; when

Mr. Jamieson moved that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs: which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. McLane moved to amend the said resolution, by adding at the end thereof the following: "Provided that said orders, instructions, and correspondence, have not been heretofore furnished to Congress by the President."

Thereupon,

Mr. Goggin, at the suggestion of Mr. Jacob Thompson, modified his said resolution, by adding at the end thereof the following: "*Resolved*, *further*, That the President be requested to communicate all the orders and correspondence of the government in relation to the return of General Paredes to Mexico."

Mr. Goggin moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the previous question was stated, viz: "*Shall the main question be now put?*" when

Mr. Kaufman moved, at 3 o'clock and 30 minutes, that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The previous question was then put, viz: "Shall the main question be now put?"

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 108 / Nays ..... 69

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Ganby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan

Mr. Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
David Fisher
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
John S. Pendleton
Samuel O. Peyton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith

Mr. Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
Mr. Frederick Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Mr. Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
James A. Black
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Mr. Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams.

So the House decided that the main question should be now put.

Mr. George S. Houston moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table; when,

The hour "devoted to reports from committees, and resolutions," having expired,

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the House proceed to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table, and to the orders of the day.

Mr. Hammons moved, at 5 minutes before 4 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to: and

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the motion made by Mr. Cobb?

And decided in the negative.

The House having refused to proceed to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table, and to the orders of the day,

The consideration of the said resolution heretofore offered by Mr. Goggin again recurred; and

The question was put, Will the House agree to the motion made by Mr. George S. Houston, that the said resolution be laid upon the table?

And decided in the negative.

The main question was then stated, viz: 1st. Will the House agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. McLane? when

Mr. McLane proposed to modify his said amendment by adding thereto the following: "*and that the same is not incompatible with the public interest.*"

A question being raised whether any modification of the amendment was in order at this stage of the proceedings,

The Speaker stated that he was not aware of any thing in the rules and orders of the House which prevented a member from withdrawing or modifying his own proposition at any time before a decision or amendment. The rule to this effect was express as to the power of withdrawing, and he had always regarded the right to modify as an incident to the right to withdraw. He, therefore, decided the proposed modification would be in order.

From this decision Mr. Toombs appealed.

And the question was stated, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House? when

Mr. Kauffman moved, at 4 o'clock and ten minutes, that the House adjourn: which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 51 / Nays ..... 105

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
George G. Dunn
Winfield S. Featherston
Joseph Grinnell
David Hammons
John H. Harmanson
Mr. Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Charles J. Ingersoll
John Jamieson
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
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Robert McClelland
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Ephraim K. Smart
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
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John Van Dyke
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Henry Bedinger
John M. Botts
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boyden
Jasper E. Brady
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Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
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Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence

Mr. Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
Mr. William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Mr. Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
William Strong
Peter H. Sylvester
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Cornelius Warren
James Wilson.

So the decision of the Chair was reversed, and it was decided that Mr. McLane could not modify his said amendment: and

Thereupon, Mr. McLane proposed to withdraw his said amendment; and the Speaker having decided that it was in order for him to do so, said amendment was withdrawn accordingly.

And the question was then put, Will the House agree to the said resolution as modified?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 146 / Nays ..... 15 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Mr. George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
John Freedley
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Andrew Johnson
Mr. George W. Jones
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman

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| Mr. Joseph M. Root | Mr. Andrew Stewart | Mr. William Thompson |
| David Rumsey, jr. | Charles E. Stuart | Benjamin B. Thurston |
| Robert C. Schenck | John Strohm | Robert Toombs |
| Augustine H. Shepperd | William Strong | Amos Tuck |
| Eliakim Sherrill | Peter H. Sylvester | Thomas J. Turner |
| Richard F. Simpson | Frederick A. Tallmadge | John Van Dyke |
| Alexander D. Sims | Bannon G. Thibodeaux | Abraham W. Venable |
| John I. Slingerland | John L. Taylor | Samuel F. Vinton |
| Caleb B. Smith | James H. Thomas | Cornelius Warren |
| Truman Smith | Patrick W. Tompkins | James Wilson |
| Frederick P. Stanton | Richard W. Thompson | Joseph A. Woodward. |
| Alexander H. Stephens | John B. Thompson | |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Linn Boyd | Mr. John R. J. Daniel | Mr. David S. Kaufman |
| Richard Brodhead | David Hammons | William Kennon, jr. |
| Charles Brown | Hugh L. W. Hill | John K. Miller |
| Howell Cobb | George S. Houston | Thomas Richey |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | John Jamieson | William Sawyer. |

So the said resolution was agreed to.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Harmanson: The petition of Simeon Rodrigues, of the parish of St. Tammany, in the State of Louisiana, praying for confirmation of title to certain lands: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Boyd: The petition of the heirs of Joseph Savage, deceased—heretofore presented May 19, 1836.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of Nathaniel P. Causin, of Washington, D. C., legal representative of Colonel John H. Stone, deceased, who was an officer in the Maryland continental line in the war of the revolution, praying that the amount of pension to which the said Stone was entitled by law during his lifetime may be paid to him.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of Bersheba McDaniel, a revolutionary pensioner, praying for the continuance of her pension during her natural life;

Also, the petition of Dolly Tracy, of Ashford, in the State of New York, widow of Solomon Tracy, deceased, who was a revolutionary soldier, praying Congress to grant her a pension.

By Mr. Cocke: The petition of Esther Russell, widow of Dr. Philip M. Russell, deceased, who was a surgeon in the war of the revolution, praying for a pension in consideration of the services rendered, and the loss of health and life of her late husband during the war.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of citizens of Brunswick and Hinckley, in the county of Medina, and of Richfield and Peninsula, in the county of Summit, and State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a weekly mail route from Hudson to Brunswick, in said State.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of one hundred and thirty-one citizens of Darlington, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a daily mail route from Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, to Mansfield, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The memorial of citizens of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for a reduction of postage on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Richardson: The petition of citizens of Huntingdon, in the State of Pennsylvania, of like import.

By Charles E. Stuart: The petition of citizens of Calhoun and Eaton counties, in the State of Michigan, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Marshall, in Calhoun county, to Michigan, the capital of the State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Tweedy: A petition in behalf of Thomas A. Boyd and others, legal representatives of Colonel George Boyd, deceased, praying for a just settlement of his accounts: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Duer: The petition of citizens of the United States residing on the northern lakes and the river St. Lawrence, praying an allowance of a drawback of the duty paid on *Canadian wheat* upon its exportation, after having been manufactured into flour in this country.

By Mr. Hubbard: The petition of citizens of New Haven county, in the State of Connecticut, praying for an appropriation of $10,000 for the purpose of clearing the Ousatonic river and rendering it navigable.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Sawyer: The petition of citizens of the northwestern part of the State of Ohio—heretofore presented January 21, 1847;

Also, the petition of citizens of Portage county, in the State of Ohio, praying for an apportionment of the public lands—heretofore presented January 30, 1847.

By Mr. Daniel Duncan: The memorial of John Ambrozene—heretofore presented December 31, 1845.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Racine, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a road from Racine to Madison—heretofore presented January 22, 1846;

Also, the petition of citizens of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for an appropriation for the road from Milwaukie to Green Bay—heretofore presented January 6, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Strohm: The petition of Benjamin Reifsnyder—heretofore presented May 11, 1846.

By Mr. William Rockhill: The petition of Elemuel Robinet—heretofore presented March 28, 1844.

By Mr. W. T. Lawrence: The petition of citizens of Hector, Tompkins county, and State of New York, in behalf of Jesse Young, praying for an increase of his pension.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at five minutes before 5 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, m.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1848.

John P. Gaines, a member elect from the State of Kentucky, appeared, was sworn to support the Constitution of the United States, and took a seat in the House.

Mr. Venable moved that the vote by which the House yesterday agreed to the resolution offered by Mr. Goggin be reconsidered.

Mr. Ashmun moved that the said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 107 / Nays ..... 87

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher

Mr. John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall

Mr. David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Mr. Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Rubert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

A message from the President of the United States, heretofore received, was read, and is as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I communicate herewith a report of the Secretary of War, with accompanying documents, being in addition to a report made on the 27th of February, 1847, in answer to a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 1st of that month, requesting the President "to communicate to the House of Representatives all the correspondence with General Taylor, since the commencement of hostilities with Mexico, which has not yet been published, and the publication of which may not be deemed detrimental to the public service; also, the correspondence of the quartermaster general, in relation to transportation for General Taylor's army; also, the reports of Brigadier Generals Hamer and Quitman, of the operations of their respective brigades on the 21st of September last, (1846.)

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *January* 4, 1848.

*Ordered*, That the said message be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and printed.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the Commissioner of Pensions, with lists of pension claims rejected during the past year: which letter and report were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting copies of accounts of receipts and disbursements for the Post Office Department, for the year ending 30th June, 1847: which letter and copies of accounts were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

III. A report of the board of regents of the Smithsonian Institution, showing the operations, expenditures, and condition of that institution, to the present time.

Mr. John W. Houston moved that the said report be laid upon the table, and printed.

Mr. Andrew Johnson called for a division of the question.

And the same being divided accordingly,

The question was put, Shall the said report be laid upon the table?

And decided in the affirmative.

The question was then stated, Shall the said report be printed?

And, after debate, and while the same was under consideration,

The House, in pursuance of the resolution adopted yesterday, resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Caleb B. Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union, generally, under consideration, particularly the joint resolution (No. 3) "for the transportation of the mail from Washington city south," and had come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Abbott: The petition of citizens of Lowell, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the 13th section of the act of Congress of July 4, 1836, may be so modified that no patents, valid or operative in the law, shall be surrendered: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Morse: The petition of Valery Gaiennii, of Natchitoches, in the State of Louisiana, praying for the correction of an error in an act for the confirmation of a land title: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Meade: The petition of Samuel Jones, of Powhatan county, in the State of Virginia, legal representative of Captain Samuel Jones, deceased—heretofore presented January 4, 1840: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The petition of Mary M. Foot, widow of Lyman Foot, deceased, late a surgeon in the army of the United States, praying for pecuniary aid, in consideration of the premature death of her late husband, while in the service of his country: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Peyton: The petition of the heirs of James Dossett, deceased, praying for the bounty land which the said Dossett was entitled to, for his services in the army of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Crowell: The memorial of citizens of the counties of

Medina and Summit, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Hudson to Brunswick;

Also, the petition of citizens of Trumbull, Portage, and Summit counties, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Warren, in Trumbull county, to Hudson, in Summit county.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Franklin Clark: The petition of Abner Lowell and others—heretofore presented February 7, 1842.

By Mr. Grinnell: The memorial of citizens of the State of Massachusetts, praying for a new district, for the collection of the customs, in said State, from the towns of Wareham, Sandwich, and that part of the town of Rochester called Sippican.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Franklin Clark: The petition of John Hibbert—heretofore presented February 14, 1842.

By Mr. Marsh: The petition of Joseph Johnson—heretofore presented December 19, 1846.

By Mr. Beale: The petition of Samuel Butler—heretofore presented March 16, 1842.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Dickinson: The memorial of citizens of Seneca, and other counties in the State of Ohio, calling the attention of Congress to acts providing for the carrying into effect the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown, entered into in the year 1808; praying that the matter be taken under consideration, and what is just and equitable in the premises be done: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickens, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills, and a joint resolution, of the following titles, viz:

No. 2. An act for the relief of Joseph Wilson;

No. 5. An act concerning certain collection districts, and for other purposes;

No. 23. An act for the relief of the administratrix of Elisha L. Keen, deceased;

No. 24. An act providing for the payment of the claim of Walter R. Johnson against the United States;

No. 28. An act for the relief of Thomas Rhodes;

No. 1. Resolution in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 3 o'clock and 11 minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1848.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Wiley: The petition of citizens of the counties of Penobscot and Piscataquis, in the State of Maine, praying for the establishment of a new mail route from Bangor, in the county of Penobscot, to the foot of Moosehead lake, in the county of Piscataquis: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Also, the petition of Aaron Tucker—heretofore presented December 9, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The petition of Henry Shaffer—heretofore presented February 8, 1847: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The petition of Susan C. Randall, executrix of Archibald Randall, deceased, late judge of the district court of the United States for the eastern district of Pennsylvania, praying remuneration for the services of her late husband, while acting as circuit judge, when the place of circuit judge was vacant.

By Mr. Thibodeaux: The memorial of M. H. De Leon, sole executor of the last will and testament of Dr. Thomas Cooper, deceased—heretofore presented December 22, 1843.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Williams: The petition of citizens of Castine, in the State of Maine, praying Congress to use all constitutional means to bring the present war with Mexico to an immediate close: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Hammons: The petition of Moses Hutchins, of Lovell, in the county of Oxford, and State of Maine, praying that he may be granted a pension for his services in the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Gregory: The petition of Henry Bardan, of New Barbadas, in Bergen county, and State of New Jersey, praying to be restored to the pension roll of revolutionary pensions.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Crowell: The memorial of citizens of Kinsman, in Trumbull county, and State of Ohio, praying that there may be no more slave territory; that there may be no more war or cause of war; and that our nation may never attempt to acquire or hold any territory upon a plea of conquest: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Caleb B. Smith: The petitions of the heirs of Joseph Gerard—heretofore presented December 9, 1845.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of Joseph Ingle, late clerk to paymaster of marine corps at Washington, D. C., praying for the payment of an arrearage of his salary.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Bingham: The petition of citizens of the State of Michigan, praying for the establishment of a new mail route from Dexter to Ingham, on which a stage shall run tri-weekly on each of the roads, called north and south roads, connecting the said places, and to run daily from Ingham to the capital of the State.

By Mr. Dickinson: The petition of citizens of Crawford county, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to repeal so much of the act of the 3d of March, 1847, as repeals that part of the act of the 3d of March, 1845, which allows newspapers to be sent through the mail free of postage.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Levin: The petition of George A. Standish, of Plattsburg, New York, attorney for the heirs-at-law of Prudent La Jennessee, deceased—heretofore presented December 24, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Caleb B. Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the joint resolution (No. 3) concerning the transportation of the mail from Washington city south, and had come to no resolution thereon.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill (No. 57) entitled "An act to promote the filling up of vacancies in the volunteer corps now in the service of the United States;" in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Stanton offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the joint resolution (No. 3) "concerning the transportation of the mail from Washington city south," shall cease at half past 2 o'clock on this day, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending, or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House, with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Stanton, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Caleb B. Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the joint resolution (No. 3) concerning the transportation of the mail from Washington city south, and had come to no resolution.

Mr. Stuart, of Michigan, moved that the vote by which the House agreed to the resolution offered by Mr. Stanton, for closing the debate at half past 2 o'clock this day upon the said joint resolution, (No. 3,) be reconsidered.

And after debate, and pending the said motion to reconsider,

On motion of Mr. Howell Cobb, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1848.

By general consent,

Mr. Vinton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be authorized to employ a clerk, for so much of the session as their business may render necessary, who shall receive the same per diem compensation usually allowed for similar services.

The said resolution was read; when

Mr. Henley moved to amend the same, by striking out the words "*the same*," and "usually allowed for similar services," and inserting in lieu thereof "four dollars;" which amendment was agreed to: and

The question was then put, on agreeing to the said resolution as amended,

And decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Conger, by general consent, from the Committee on Printing, made a report upon the resolution of the House of the 30th ultimo, relative to the printing of the President's message and accompanying documents, and "facilitating the execution of the public printing, generally:" which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Henley gave notice of a motion to move an amendment to the rules and orders of the House, "so as to allow the Committee on Printing to report at any time."

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the motion made yesterday, by Mr. Charles E. Stuart, to reconsider the vote on the adoption of the resolution fixing half past 2 o'clock as the time for closing debate upon the joint resolution (No. 3) "concerning the transportation of the mail from Washington city south;" (which motion was pending when the House adjourned yesterday.)

And the question being put, Shall the said vote be reconsidered?

It was decided in the negative.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Chapman: The memorial of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company—heretofore presented December 22, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of Charles I. Smith, of the city and State of New York, praying for pecuniary aid, in consideration of

the hardships and sufferings he underwent, when a prisoner in Algiers: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. McIlvaine: The memorial of New Garden monthly meeting of Friends, held at New Garden, in the county of Chester, and State of Pennsylvania, praying for the immediate termination of the existing war with Mexico, by the withdrawal of the American troops: remonstrating against the acquisition of territory; but, if acquired, that slavery may be perpetually prohibited; and that a system be adopted for the settlement of all national differences by arbitration: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Nicoll: The memorial of James Wilson and others, merchants, of the city and State of New York, praying that the may be refunded the amount of duties paid by them upon merchandise destroyed by the great fire in said city, July 19, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Dunn: The petition of Gideon Walker—heretofore presented December 22, 1845.

By Mr. Pendleton: The petition of Lewis McKenzie, of Alexandria, in the State of Virginia, praying to be refunded money paid for transporting Captain Corris's company of volunteers from Alexandria to Aquia creek.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The petition of Captain Thomas Dewar, of Wheatland, in Monroe county, and State of New York, praying to be remunerated for money advanced from his own funds, to defray the expenses of a military company, during the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Cocke: The petition of citizens of Granger county, in the State of Tennessee, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Thorn Hill, in said county, to Blair's cross roads.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of citizens of Newton and Jasper counties, in the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a semi-weekly mail route from Bolivar, in the county of Polk, to Weosho, in Newton county.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of citizens of the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a daily mail route from Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, to Mansfield, in the State of Ohio.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. French: The petition of Jesse Jackson—heretofore presented December 15, 1846.

By Mr. Simpson: The petition of Fielding G. Brown—heretofore presented February 15, 1844.

By Mr. J. R. Ingersoll: The petition of John Stauert of the city of Philadelphia, praying that provision may be made for his back pay, from his discharge, in 1815, to the reception of his pension, in 1838.

By Mr. McClelland: The petition of Catherine Hoffman, of the

city of Baltimore, and the State of Maryland, widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel William Hoffman, deceased, praying for a pension, in consideration of the long and faithful services of her late husband, and his final death while in the service of the United States.

By Mr. Sylvester: The petition of Skelton Felton, of Troy, in the State of New York, praying for a pension, in consideration of wounds received in the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Gaines: The petition of Jonathan Fitzwater, praying for a pension, in consideration of wounds and disabilities received in the service of the United States, in the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of Jesse Doane, late a private in the 2d regiment of Kentucky volunteers, praying for a pension, in consideration of the loss of an arm, and other injuries received, from the explosion of a cannon, at Covington, on the occasion of rejoicings on the return of said regiment from Mexico;

Also, the petition of William Gracy, late a private in the 2d regiment of Kentucky volunteers, praying for a pension, under like circumstances.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. French: The petition of John Gorman, of Flemingsburg, in the State of Kentucky, praying for a pension, or a grant of bounty land, in consideration of his services in the late war with Great Britain;

Also, the petition of George Taylor, of Flemingsburg, in the State of Kentucky, praying for a pension, or a grant of land, for his services as a soldier in the war of 1812, with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. C. J. Ingersoll: The petition of Margaret C. Meade, widow and sole executrix of Richard W. Meade, deceased—heretofore presented February 5, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Goggin, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Caleb B. Smith reported that the Committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union, generally, under consideration, particularly the joint resolution (No. 3) "concerning the transportation of the mail from Washington city south," which he was directed to report to the House with amendments.

And thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Stephens, it was

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns to-day, it will adjourn to meet on Monday next.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1848.

The House resumed the consideration of the joint resolution (No. 3) "concerning the transportation of the mail from Washington city south," which was reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, on Friday last, with amendments.

The question being on agreeing to the said amendments, (which question was pending on Friday last, when the House proceeded to other business,)

Mr. Goggin moved that the said resolution be recommitted to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, with instructions "*to report upon all the facts in relation to the subject matter of the said resolution, with such modification or alteration of the same as may be deemed expedient.*"

Mr. Brodhead moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 69 / Nays ..... 125 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Aus'urn Birdsall
James A. Black
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
John Freedley
Richard French
James S. Green

Mr. Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Elias B. Holmes
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel W. Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Charles H. Peaslee

Mr. Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Harvey Putnam
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard

Mr. Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman

Mr. Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
Joseph E. Edsall

Mr. Thomas O. Edwards
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Hornbeck
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Mr. Alexander Irvin
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
George P. Marsh
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Mr. R. Barnwell Rhett
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
James Wilson.

So the House refused to lay the said resolution upon the table; and

The question recurred on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Goggin, to recommit with instructions; when

Mr. George W. Jones moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: *First*, on the following amendment, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, (the motion to recommit with instructions being set aside by the previous question,) viz:

"Strike out all after the word '*more*,' in the twelfth line of said resolution, (as printed,) and insert, 'Provided, that in making such contract or engagement with the Postmaster General, the said Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroad and Steamboat Company shall agree and engage with the Postmaster General, to pay to the Post Office Department such amount or sum of money as in his judgment shall be a fair and equitable equivalent to the contractors, for transporting the mail from Baltimore to Petersburg and Richmond, on the bay line; and to the contractors from Washington city to Richmond, under the recent arrangement, as will indemnify said contractors against loss, by reason of the discontinuance of the said routes hereby dispensed with.'"

The said amendmend was read, and the question was put, Will the House agree thereto?

When there appeared { Yeas ..... 97
Nays ..... 96

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Mr. James A. Black
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Mr. Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown

Mr. Charles Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Daniel Duncan
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
Meredith P. Gentry
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Mr. John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
William Nelson
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Mr. Timothy Pillsbury
Harvey Putnam
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Eliakim Sherrill
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
David Fisher
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
Mr. Henry Nes
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

The Speaker voted in the negative; and
The said amendment was rejected.

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the following amendment, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union? viz:

"*Resolved*, That nothing in this resolution shall be construed as to require any increase of the present expenditure in the Post Office Department,"

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 101 / Nays ..... 91

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
George Fries
Mr. Richard French
Meredith P. Gentry
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Harvey Putnam
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Ehakim Sherrill
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson,
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Mr. Jacob Collamer
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
Nathan Evans
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Mr. Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin

Mr. Abraham Lincoln
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
Timothy Pillsbury
Mr. James Pollock
William B. Preston
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
Mr. Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

So the said amendment was agreed to.

The question recurred on ordering the said resolution to be engrossed for a third reading:

And, being put,

It was decided in the negative.

So the said resolution was rejected.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 29. An act providing for the appointment of assistant pursers in the navy;

No. 60. An act making an additional appropriation for the dry dock at the Brooklyn navy yard;

in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union, generally, under consideration, particularly the President's annual message, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. John Quincy Adams offered the following resolution, (the rules being suspended for the purpose;) which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That the use of this Hall be granted to the American Colonization Society, for their anniversary, on the evening of the 18th instant.

Mr. Cocke, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, by general consent, reported a joint resolution (No. 5) authorizing the Commissioner of Pensions to employ, temporarily, an additional number of clerks in his office: which resolution was read a first and second time; and,

On motion of Mr. McKay, it was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. T. Butler King,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Captain Thomas M. Newell, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cocke moved that the vote by which the House this day

committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, the joint resolution (No. 5) authorizing the Commissioner of Pensions to employ, temporarily, an additional number of clerks in his office, be reconsidered: which motion was disagreed to.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. T. Butler King: The memorial of Captain T. M. Newell—heretofore presented January 13, 1846: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of citizens of Trumbull county, in the State of Ohio, praying for Congress to modify the law regulating postage, so as to admit the circulation of newspapers free of postage, within thirty miles of the offices where published;

Also, the petition of citizens of Carroll county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Wellsville to New Philadelphia, in said State;

Also, the petition of citizens of Columbiana county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a daily mail route from Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, to Mansfield, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of citizens of Trumbull, Portage, and Summit counties, praying for the establishment of a tri-weekly mail route from Warren to Hudson, in the State of Ohio;

Also, the petition of citizens of Warren and Trumbull counties, in the State of Ohio, praying for a further reduction of postage.

By Mr. Dickinson: The petition of citizens of Crawford and Wyandotte counties, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a tri-weekly mail route from Bucyrus to Carey, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of John P. Converse, special agent for the Post Office Department—heretofore presented December 30, 1844.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of the legal representatives of Jacob Housman, deceased, praying for indemnity for the loss of property, in consequence of its use and occupation by authority of officers of the United States, in the Florida war.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Dickinson: The petition of citizens of the State of Ohio, praying for an appropriation to improve the navigation of the Maumee river.

By Mr. Williams: The petition of A. G. and John Benson, of the city and State of New York, praying that a register may be granted, with liberty to change the name of the British barque Caithnesshire, they being now its owners.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Dickinson: The petition of the heirs of John B. Beau-

grand, deceased, praying Congress to carry into effect the provisions of the 6th article of the treaty with the Wyandotte Indians, on the 17th March, 1842: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Marvin: The petition of David Cowden, of Gerry, in the county of Chautauque, and State of New York, praying for a pension, in consideration of wounds and disabilities incurred at the battle of Queenstown, in the service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. William T. Lawrence: The petition of Colonel Hugh W. Dobbin, of Geneva, in the State of New York, praying that he may be allowed the payment of his pension, from 1816 to 1831, for his services as an officer in the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Gott: The petition of citizens of Syracuse, in the State of New York, praying that the United States troops be withdrawn from, and an immediate stop be put to the war with, Mexico; and also, that arrangements be made, by treaty stipulations, with all nations with which we have intercourse, that all future national difficulties be settled by peaceful arbitration: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of W. J. Holman, a director of the Peru and Indianapolis Railroad Company, praying for the right of way for said road through, and a grant of, the government land, to aid in its construction: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. William T. Lawrence: The memorial of citizens of the United States, praying that Congress take measures to obtain seed from the parent plant of the potatoe, in the place of its nativity, for the purpose of restoring to the people of the United States the potatoe in a healthy state.

By the Speaker: The petition of Francis Tuttle, of Acton, in Middlesex county, and State of Massachusetts, alleging that he has discovered the cause of the potatoe rot, and praying that Congress authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to him the sum of two thousand dollars, whenever he shall satisfy said Secretary that he has discovered the true cause and preventive thereof.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also, the communication of Ithamar Rogers, of Newburg, in the State of Maine, in behalf of his son, Israel Rogers, further, in regard to his release: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Charles Brown: The memorial of William Norris and Company, of the city of Philadelphia—heretofore presented December 16, 1846: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Rose: The petition of John Morrison, of Geneva, in the State of New York, praying for an increase of pension, for services

rendered in the war of 1812: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, at 3 o'clock and 20 minutes, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1848.

Mr. Ligon, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Jacob Gideon, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 33) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ligon, from the same committee, also reported bills of the following titles:

No. 34. A bill for the relief of Bent, St. Vrain, & Co;

No. 35. A bill for the relief of J. Throckmorton;

accompanied by reports in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, also reported bills with the following titles:

No. 36. A bill for the relief of John Anderson, of Missouri;

No. 37. A bill for the relief of Joseph C. Dorsey;

No. 38. A bill for the relief of S. Morris Waln;

No. 39. A bill for the relief of Alborne Allen;

accompanied by reports in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rockwell, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the cases of John O. Dickey, Roswell Fitch, and George Reeder: which reports were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rockwell, from the same committee, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House be directed to cause to be prepared an alphabetical list of private claims which have been before the House of Representatives from the commencement of the 14th Congress to the close of the 29th Congress, with the proceedings of the House of Representatives and Senate thereon; showing the names of the claimants; the nature or object of each claim; at what session, and in what manner it was brought before the House; to what committee it was referred; the nature of the report, and the number of the report if printed, and if not, the date of the report; the number of the bill, distinguishing between Senate and House bills; the manner in which the claim was disposed of by the House; and in cases where it passed both Houses, the date of the act of Congress: the whole to be compiled from the Journals of the House of Representatives, and by reference, when necessary, to the

Journals of the Senate, the reports of committees, the bills of the two Houses, and the laws of the United States: and that the Clerk be authorized to employ a suitable person, with a compensation not exceeding the sum now paid the engrossing clerks of this House, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Ficklin moved to amend it by striking out the last clause thereof, which is as follows: "And that the Clerk be authorized to employ a suitable person, with a compensation not exceeding the sum now paid the engrossing clerks of this House, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House."

And, after debate,

Mr. Pollock moved that the said resolution be recommitted to the Committee of Claims, with instructions to inquire if a similar work to that contemplated by the resolution be not in progress.

And while proceeding thereon,

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the annual message of the President of the United States, had come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions, memorials, and others papers were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Freedley: The petition of Meshal Gentry, a soldier of the revolution, praying for a pension in consideration of his services, sacrifices, and sufferings in the service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Botts: The memorial of Mary Ann Fitch—heretofore presented December 29, 1846.

By Mr. Fulton: The petition of Benjamin Holland—heretofore presented February 14, 1846.

By Mr. Birdsall: The petition of Ethel Bartis, of Windsor, in the county of Broome, and State of New York, praying for arrears of pension in consideration of the loss of his health in the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of the heirs of Eliphalet Ripley, deceased, of Windham, in the State of Connecticut, praying to be allowed the arrears of pension the said Ripley was entitled to for his services and loss of health in the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said memorial and petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Willard P. Hall: Two petitions of citizens of Daviess county, in the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Brunswick, in Charitan county, to Gallatin, in Daviess county.

By Mr. Sawyer: The petition of citizens of Williams Centre, in Williams county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Lima, in the State of Indiana, to Defiance, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Wick: The petition of citizens of New Lancaster, in the State of Indiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Perkinsville, in Madison county, to Tipton, in Tipton county, in said State.

By Mr. Turner: The petition of one hundred and eighty citizens of Dixon, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Dixon to Camden, in Rock Island county.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Giddings: The memorial of citizens of Portage county, in the State of Ohio, praying that measures be taken to effect such change of the constitution and laws as shall abolish slavery throughout the Union in a way the most consistent with justice: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, the petition of citizens of Cuyahoga county, in the State of Ohio, praying that the money paid by John Wilson for the manumission of two slaves, sold on an execution in favor of the United States, be refunded to the said Wilson: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Atkinson: The petition of Edward L. Young, of the city of Norfolk, and other citizens of Norfolk and Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia, praying that Congress pass an act providing pecuniary relief to the said Young in consideration of the loss of one eye and his health while in the service of the United States.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of citizens of Windham, in the State of Connecticut, praying Congress to take the necessary steps for securing an immediate and permanent peace with Mexico by withdrawing our troops from her territory, returning her the provinces which we now occupy, and for the appointment of commissioners to adjust all differences between the two republics.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The petition of John Baldwin, praying for the settlement and payment of certificates of Mexican indemnity, awarded him under the convention of April 11, 1839.

By Mr. Turner: The petition of citizens of Winnebago county, in the State of Illinois, praying for Congress to use all constitutional means to bring the present war with Mexico to an immediate close.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of George F. and Henry S. Bloom, of Will county, and State of Illinois, praying for the passage of an act giving them pre-emption to certain lands: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Pendleton: The petition of James C. Wilson, a clerk in the office of the Chief Engineer, praying for an increase of salary.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of Warrenton, in the State of Illinois, praying that all constitutional means be used to bring the war with Mexico to an immediate close.

By Mr. James Thompson: The proceedings of a meeting held at Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, December 6, 1847, in favor of a vigorous prosecution of the war with Mexico.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and proceedings be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of Susan and J. P. B. Gratiot—heretofore presented February 28, 1842.

By Mr. Botts: The petition of Mary E. Burfoot, executrix of John Clark, deceased—heretofore presented January 28, 1846;

Also, the petition of the heirs of George B. Read, deceased, praying for payment of the amount due the said Read for his services in the custom-house at Richmond, in the State of Virginia.

By Mr. St. John: The petition of Solomon Hersey, of Lockport, in the State of New York, praying compensation for property destroyed in the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. I. E. Holmes: The petition of J. W. Underwood, late a clerk in the office of the First Auditor of the Treasury Department, praying remuneration for extra services.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then, on motion of Mr. Pollock, the House, at 3 o'clock and fifteen minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## WEDNESDAY, January 12, 1848.

The Speaker announced, as the first business in order, the resolution reported yesterday, by Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Robinson offered the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the annual message of the President of the United States shall cease at 2 o'clock this day, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to act on such message, and shall then report it to the House, with such proceedings thereon as may have been agreed to by the committee.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Stephens moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 98 / Nays ..... 75 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
William M. Cocke
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Mr. Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Mr. Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory

Mr. Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John Jamieson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Mr. Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Mr. Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Amos Tuck
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
James A. Black
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Jacob Collamer
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall
Winfield S. Featherston
Richard French
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Mr. Samuel W. Inge
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Mr. Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley.

The House resumed the consideration of the said resolution reported yesterday by Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, directing the Clerk to cause to be prepared an alphabetical list of all private claims heretofore presented to Congress.

The question being on the motion made by Mr. Pollock, that the said resolution be recommitted to the Committee of Claims, with instructions to inquire "whether a similar work to the one mentioned in the resolution be not now in course of preparation;" which motion was pending yesterday when the House passed to other business.

Mr. Alexander Evans moved to amend the said instructions, by adding at the end thereof the following: "and also into the cost of preparing the work, and the cheapest and quickest manner of supplying it to the House:" which said amendment was agreed to.

The question was then put, Shall the said resolution be recom-

mitted to the Committee of Claims with the instructions moved by Mr. Pollock as amended?

And decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Daniel, from the Committee of Claims, made an adverse report upon the petition of George Hix: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Daniel, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 40) for the relief of William Hogan, administrator of Michael Hogan, deceased: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crowell, from the Committee of Claims, made adverse reports on the petitions of William Harris, Charles Foreman, Eli Ackley, Martin L. Patterson, Samuel Reed, William Greer, and upon a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Illinois: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crowell, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles:

No. 41. A bill for the relief of the securities of Elijah J. Weed, deceased, late quartermaster of marines;

No. 42. A bill for the relief of Amelia Brereton;

No. 43. A bill for the relief of the legal heirs of John Snyder, deceased;

No. 44. A bill for the relief of Thomas Scott;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, made adverse reports on the petitions of Daniel Brown, A. R. S. Hunter, and Martin Thomas: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 45. A bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Reginald, alias Nick Hillary;

No. 46. A bill for the relief of James McAvoy;

accompanied by reports: which bills were read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thibodeaux, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred bill (No. 8) relating to the collection district of New Orleans, and for other purposes, reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (No. 47) for the relief of Barclay & Livingston, and Smith, Thurgar, & Co., accompanied by a report: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made

the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Flournoy, from the Committee of Claims, reported a bill (No. 48) for the relief of the legal heirs and representatives of Nathaniel Cox, deceased, formerly navy agent at New Orleans, accompanied by a report: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That five thousand copies of the report of the Commissioner of Public Lands be printed for the use of the members of the House.

On motion of Mr. Collamer,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Jacob Kerr, and that it be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Putnam, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill (No. 49) for the relief of Amzy Judd, accompanied by a report: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Duncan, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill (No. 50) giving further time for satisfying claims for bounty lands, and for other purposes, accompanied by a report: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn, from the Committee of Claims, reported bills with the following titles:

No. 51. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Matthew Stewart;

No. 52. A bill for the relief of Charles Benns;

No. 53. A bill for the relief of John W. Hockett;

No. 54. A bill for the relief of William Ralston;

accompanied by reports: which bills were severally read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Duncan,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of James Vangorden, Chester Stebbins, and Bradford Larkins; and that they lie upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the consideration of the petition of citizens of Northumberland county, Pennsylvania; and that it lie upon the table.

Mr. Daniel P. King, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report upon the petition of the administrator of Churchill Gibbs, accompanied by the following resolution, which was read, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That the petition and accompanying papers be transmitted to the Secretary of War with this report.

On motion of Mr. Daniel P. King,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Isaac Beall; and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Barringer, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made an adverse report on the petition of John A. Bryan: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wick, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made an adverse report on the petition of Thomas Jenne: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Boyd, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (No. 55) to amend the act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, 1847: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Giddings, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a bill (No. 56) for the relief of Joseph and Lindley Ward, accompanied by a report: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomas Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported bills with the following titles:

No. 57. A bill authorizing certain promotions in the naval service.

No. 58. A bill directing the Secretary of the Navy to settle certain accounts of officers of the navy who have been required to act as pursers of the vessels of which they were placed in command during the existing war with Mexico: which were read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Isaac E. Holmes, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 59) for the relief of Mrs. Anne W. Angus, accompanied by a report: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. White, from the same committee, reported bills with the following titles:

No. 60. A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Mays:

No. 61. A bill for the relief of Nancy Tompkins, accompanied by reports: which bills were read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Schenck, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

No. 62. A bill for the relief of James Glynn and others;

J. R. No. 6. A joint resolution for the relief of J. Melville Gilliss and others;

No. 63. A bill for the relief of James H. Conley;

accompanied in each case by reports in writing: which bills and

joint resolution were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Schenck, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and, on motion of Mr. Rhett, laid upon the table, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the legality of the orders of the Secretary of the Navy giving assimilated rank to surgeons, assistant surgeons, and pursers, and the expediency of repealing or continuing the same by law; and that the committee report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Stanton, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 64) to amend the act of 3d March, 1847, entitled "An act to establish certain post routes, and for other purposes:" which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Stanton, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Charles Reeder, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 65) for the relief of Charles Reeder, Walter R. Johnson, and Thomas P. Jones: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Botts,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Ithamar Rogers; and that it be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Botts,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of the widows of the following officers of the army of the United States in Mexico: Francis P. Gardiner, widow of the late George W. Gardiner; Francis Fowler, widow of the late Abraham C. Fowler; Mary M. Foot, widow of Lyman Foot, and widows and orphans of sundry officers of the army; and that they be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Hilliard, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to which was referred the resolution of this House relative to the expediency of abolishing the present missions by chargé d'affaires to Sardinia and Naples, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 66) "to regulate the diplomatic intercourse of the United States with foreign nations:" which was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of the legal representatives of Richard W. Meade, reported a bill (No. 67) for their relief, accompanied by a report: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rhett, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles:

No. 68. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Benjamin Hodges;

No. 69. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Cornelius Manning;

accompanied by reports in writing: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Anna Smith and others, made an adverse report thereon: which was read, laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hammons, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of James Hillman, made an adverse report thereon: which was read, laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Sylvester,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Peter Rife and Silvia Pond, widow of Beriah Pond; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Sylvester, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Esther Scolley, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Donnell, from the same committee, to which was referred the petitions of Joseph Carter and Benjamin Johnson, made adverse reports thereon: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Donnell,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of this House relative to the expediency of allowing a pension to Artemas Conant; and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reported bills of the following titles:

No. 70. A bill for the relief of John Mitchell;

No. 71. A bill for the relief of Jesse Young;

No. 72. A bill for the relief of Silas Waterman;

accompanied by reports in writing: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Henley, from the Committee on Patents, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Commissioner of Patents be requested to communicate to this House what legislation is necessary to provide room in the Patent Office building for the arrangement of models, in such a manner as to give the examiners such access to them as is necessary for them in the discharge of their duties.

The Speaker, by general consent, laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting, in obedi-

ence to the act of the 20th April, 1818, and the 11th section of the act of 26th August, 1842, a report of the names and compensation of the several persons employed in the Department of State, and also, in the Patent Office, during the last year: which letter and report were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in obedience to the the act of 2d April, 1794, a report of the expenses of the national armories, with an account of the arms made and repaired therein, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1847: which letter and report were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

III. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in compliance with the 20th section of the act of 26th August, 1842, a statement of the expenditures from the contingent fund of that department during the year ending June 30, 1847: which letter and statement were referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the War Department, and ordered to be printed.

IV. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the House of the 22d ultimo, a report in reference to the commerce of the lakes and western rivers: which letter and report were referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

V. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in compliance with the 20th section of the act of the 26th of August, a report of the expenditure of the contingent fund of that Department: which letter and report were referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department, and ordered to be printed.

VI. A report from the Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds, setting forth the manner in which all appropriations for the public buildings and grounds have been applied during the past year: which report was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

VII. A letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, transmitting a report of the names and compensation of the several persons employed in his office during the past year: which letter and report were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Bills, and a resolution, from the Senate, of the following titles,

No. 2. An act for the relief of Joseph Wilson;

No. 5. An act concerning certain collection districts, and for other purposes.

No. 23. An act for the relief of the administratrix of Elisha L. Keen, deceased;

No. 24. An act providing for the payment of the claim of Walter R. Johnson against the United States;

No. 27. An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, in certain cases, and for other purposes;"

No. 28. An act for the relief of Thomas Rhodes;

No. 29. An act providing for the appointment of assistant purser's in the navy;

No. 31. An act to provide for the purchase of the manuscript

papers of the late James Madison, former President of the United States;

No. 38. An act to provide clothing for volunteers in the service of the United States;

No. 57. An act to promote the filling up of vacancies in the volunteer corps now in the service of the United States;

No. 60. An act making an additional appropriation for the dry dock at the Brooklyn navy yard;

No. 1. A resolution in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser;

were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 2. To the Committee on Naval Affairs;

No. 5. To the Committee on Commerce;

No. 23. To the Committee of Claims;

No. 24. To the Committee on Naval Affairs;

No. 27. To the Committee on the Judiciary;

No. 28. To the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads;

No. 29. To the Committee on Naval Affairs;

No. 31. To the Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow;

No. 38. To the Committee on Military Affairs;

No. 57. To the Committee on Military Affairs;

No. 60. To the Committee on Naval Affairs;

No. 1. To the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads;

and the said bills, severally, were ordered to be printed.

The bill from the Senate (No. 46) entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the barque Canton," was read a first and second time, and

*Ordered* to be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read a third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill of the House (No. 14) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to grant a register to the barque Sarah and Eliza, engrossed pursuant to the order of the House of the 30th ultimo, was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

By general consent, in pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Elias B. Holmes obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 73) to erect fortifications and establish a military depot at or near the mouth of the Genesee river, in the State of New York: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Rhett asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 74) declaring the assent of Congress to the acts passed by the States, laying tonnage duties to improve the navigation within the States: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Bingham asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 75) to apply certain alternate sec-

tions of the public domain toward the completion of the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal, in the State of Michigan: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Sims presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of South Carolina, relative to the establishment of a branch mint in Charleston, in said State: which were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Taylor gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to extend the time for lacating Virginia military land warrants, in the State of Ohio, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union, generally, under consideration, particularly the annual message of the President of the United States, and had come to no resolution thereon.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, which was delivered in at the Speaker's table.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of Charles Waldron, of Brooklyn, in the State of Ohio—heretofore presented January 5, 1843;

Also, the petition of Malachi Hogan—heretofore presented January 2, 1838.

By Mr. Caleb B. Smith: The petition of Levi Leakey, late a contractor on the Cumberland road, praying to be compensated for the loss he sustained in his contract on said road.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The petition of Joseph Nock, of the city and county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, praying for a renewal of his patent for padlock, desk-lock, chest and trunk locks: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. McDowell: The petition of James Brownlee, praying that a new land warrant may issue in his favor, in lieu of one heretofore issued, for bounty land, and now lost: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Pillsbury: The petition of E. B. Cogswell, late armorer to the Indians, praying payment for his services as gunsmith and armorer to the Texas Indians, and for coal furnished by him.

By Mr. Charles E. Stuart: The petition of Patrick Marantette, of St. Joseph county, in the State of Michigan, praying for the payment of his claim against the Pottawatomie Indians, as audited by General Mitchell, United States Commissioner of Indian Claims.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. McIlvaine: The memorial of Bartholomew Fussell, presi-

dent of, and in behalf of, a meeting of the friends of peace, held in Chester county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that no more money be appropriated for war, and measures be taken so to amend the Constitution of the United States as to abolish the army and navy, and to release the people from all obligation to maintain a military system.

By Mr. Pillsbury: The petition of George W. Crawford, of Washington, in the State of Texas, praying the settlement of his claim for provisions furnished Texas volunteers, *en route* for the seat of war, in Mexico.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Dickey: The petition of citizens of Beaver county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the repeal of so much of the act of 3d March, 1847, as requires postage to be paid on newspapers circulating within thirty miles of their place of publication.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of Peters, Moore, and Company —heretofore presented January 10, 1837.

By Mr. Clingman: The petition of citizens of Buncomb county, in the State of North Carolina, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Ashville, in said State, to Limestone Spring, in the State of Tennessee.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. J. R. Ingersoll: The memorial of Henry S. Ward, administrator of Nehemiah Hubbard, and of the widow and heirs-at-law of Richard Hubbard, deceased, residuary legatee of said Nehemiah Hubbard—heretofore presented February 5, 1846: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Hammons: The petition of Bathsheba Cobb, of Portland, in the State of Maine, praying for a pension, in consideration of the services and the premature death, by hardships and exposure, of Jonathan Cobb, her late husband, as a soldier in the army of the United States.

By Mr. Belcher: The petition of Samuel Coney—heretofore presented December 8, 1845.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Nes: The petition of Margaret Barnitz, sole heir and legal representative of David Grier, deceased, who was lieutenant colonel in the revolutionary war, praying for the commutation pay to which her father was entitled for revolutionary service.

By Mr. Rose: The petition of John and Elizabeth Bellinger, heirs of Frederick Bellinger, deceased, of the town of Eagle, and State of New York, praying for seven years' half-pay, which they are entitled to by the death of their father, who was slain on the field, on the 12th of July, 1781, in the service of the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. James H. Johnson: The petitions of Esther Alexander, Isabel Bugbee, Marcy Bemis, Phœbe Cobb, Martha Chapman, Mary

Chase, Abigail Coburn, Marcy Howard, Charity Harlow, Susannah Knight, Submit Roberts, Sarah Stickney, Marcy Wood, and Anna Walton, each praying for an extension of the "widows' pension act," of June 17, 1844.

By Mr. Peyton: The petition of Sarah Knight, of Christian county, in the State of Kentucky, widow of John Knight, deceased, who was a captain of militia during the revolutionary war, praying for a pension, under the act of 4th July, 1836.

By Mr. Gregory: The petition of Clara R. Cobb, of Hudson county, in the State of New Jersey, widow of Thomas Cobb, deceased, a revolutionary soldier, praying for a pension, in consideration of the services of her late husband.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

And then, on motion of Mr. Richardson, the House, at 3 o'clock and 10 minutes, adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1848.

Mr. Alexander Evans moved that the vote by which the House yesterday laid upon the table the resolution, reported by Mr. Schenck, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, relating to the legality and propriety of conferring assimilated rank on surgeons, assistant surgeons, and pursers, be reconsidered.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

The question recurred on agreeing to the motion made yesterday by Mr. Rhett, that the said resolutions be laid upon the table.

And, after debate,

Mr. Root moved the previous question; which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the said resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Boyd offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the annual message of the President of the United States, shall cease at 2 o'clock, p. m., to-morrow, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to act on such message, and shall then report it to the House, with such proceedings thereon as may have been agreed to by the committee.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Nathan K. Hall moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 100 / Nays ..... 95

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Daniel M. Barringer | Mr. Jasper E. Brady |
| Green Adams | John Blanchard | Aylett Buckner |
| George Ashmun | John M. Botts | Chester Butler |

Mr. E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale

Mr. Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock

Mr. William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton

Mr. James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris

Mr. Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius C. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill of the

Senate (No. 46) entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the barque Canton," and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 49. An act for the relief of W. B. Slaughter, late Secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin; and

No. 54. An act exempting vessels employed by the American Colonization Society in transporting colored emigrants from the United States to the coast of Africa, from the provisions of the acts of the 22d of February and the 2d of March, 1847, regulating the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

By general consent,

The message from the President of the United States, received yesterday, was read, and is as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I have carefully considered the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 4th instant, requesting the President to communicate to that House "any instructions which may have been given to any of the officers of the army or navy of the United States, or other persons, in regard to the return of President General Lopez de Santa Anna, or any other Mexican, to the republic of Mexico prior or subsequent to the order of the President or Secretary of War, issued in January, 1846, for the march of the army from the Nueces river, across the 'stupendous deserts' which intervene, to the Rio Grande; that the date of all such instructions, orders, and correspondence be set forth, together with the instructions and orders issued to Mr. Slidell at any time prior or subsequent to his departure for Mexico as minister plenipotentiary of the United States to that republic;" and requesting the President also to "communicate all the orders and correspondence of the government in relation to the return of General Paredes to Mexico."

I transmit herewith reports from the Secretary of State, the Secretary of War, and the Secretary of the Navy, with the documents accompanying the same, which contain all the information in the possession of the executive which it is deemed compatible with the public interests to communicate.

For further information relating to the return of Santa Anna ty Mexico, I refer you to my annual message of December 8, 1846. The facts and considerations stated in that message induced the order of the Secretary of the Navy to the commander of our squadron in the Gulf of Mexico, a copy of which is herewith communicated. This order was issued simultaneously with the order to blockade the coasts of Mexico, both bearing date the 13th of May, 1846, the day on which the existence of the war with Mexico was recognised by Congress. It was issued solely upon the views of

policy presented in that message, and without any understanding on the subject, direct or indirect, with Santa Anna or any other person.

General Paredes evaded the vigilance of our combined forces by land and sea, and made his way back to Mexico from the exile into which he had been driven, landing at Vera Cruz after that city and the castle of San Juan de Ulloa were in our military occupation, as will appear from the accompanying reports and documents.

The resolution calls for the "instructions and orders issued to Mr. Slidell, at any time prior or subsequent to his departure for Mexico, as minister plenipotentiary of the United States to that republic." The customary and usual reservation contained in calls of either House of Congress upon the Executive for information, relating to our intercourse with foreign nations, has been omitted in the resolution before me. The call of the House is unconditional. It is, that the information requested be communicated, and thereby be made public, whether, in the opinion of the Executive, (who is charged by the constitution with the duty of conducting negotiations with foreign powers,) such information, when disclosed, would be prejudicial to the public interest or not. It has been a subject of serious deliberation with me whether I could, consistently with my constitutional duty and my sense of the public interests involved and to be affected by it, violate an important principle, always heretofore held sacred by my predecessors, as I should do by a compliance with the request of the House. President Washington, in a message to the House of Representatives of the 30th of March, 1796, declined to comply with a request contained in a resolution of that body, to lay before them "a copy of the instructions to the minister of the United States who negotiated the treaty with the King of Great Britain," "together with the correspondence and other documents relative to the said treaty, excepting such of the said papers as any existing negotiations may render improper to be disclosed." In assigning his reasons for declining to comply with the call, he declared that "the nature of foreign negotiations requires caution, and their success must often depend on secrecy; and, even when brought to a conclusion, a full disclosure of all the measures, demands, and eventual concessions which may have been proposed or contemplated, would be extremely impolitic; for this might have a pernicious influence on future negotiations, or produce immediate inconveniences, perhaps danger and mischief, in relation to other powers. The necessity of such caution and secrecy was one cogent reason for vesting the power of making treaties in the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate—the principle on which that body was formed confining it to a small number of members. To admit, then, a right in the House of Representatives to demand, and to have, as a matter of course, all the papers respecting a negotiation with a foreign power, would be to establish a dangerous precedent." In that case, the instructions and documents called for related to a treaty which had been concluded and ratified by the President and Senate, and the negotiations in relation to it had been terminated. There was an express reservation,

too, "excepting" from the call all such papers as related to "any existing negotiations" which it might be improper to disclose. In that case, President Washington deemed it to be a violation of an important principle, the establishment of a "dangerous precedent," and prejudicial to the public interests, to comply with the call of the House. Without deeming it to be necessary on the present occasion to examine or decide upon the other reasons assigned by him for his refusal to communicate the information requested by the House, the one which is herein recited is in my judgment conclusive in the case under consideration.

Indeed, the objections to complying with the request of the House contained in the resolution before me, are much stronger than those which existed in the case of the resolution in 1796. This resolution calls for the "instructions and orders" to the minister of the United States to Mexico, which relate to negotiations which have not been terminated, and which may be resumed. The information called for respects negotiations which the United States offered to open with Mexico immediately preceding the commencement of the existing war. The instructions given to the minister of the United States relate to the differences between the two countries out of which the war grew, and the terms of adjustment which we were prepared to offer to Mexico in our anxiety to prevent the war. These differences still remain unsettled; and to comply with the call of the House would be to make public, through that channel, and to communicate to Mexico, now a public enemy engaged in war, information which could not fail to produce serious embarrassment in any future negotiation between the two countries. I have heretofore communicated to Congres all the correspondence of the minister of the United States to Mexico which, in the existing state of our relations with that republic can, in my judgment, beat this time communicated without serious injury to the public interest.

Entertaining this conviction, and with a sincere desire to furnish any information which may be in possession of the executive department, and which either House of Congress may at any time request, I regard it to be my constitutional right and my solemn duty, under the circumstances of this case, to decline a compliance with the request of the House contained in their resolution.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *January* 12, 1848.

Mr. Truman Smith moved that the said message be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and printed.

Mr. Andrew Stewart called for a division of the question;

And, the same being divided accordingly, the question was stated, "Shall the message be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs?"

Mr. T. Butler King moved that the said message be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll moved that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And, after debate,

On motion of Mr. Tompkins, the further consideration of the

message was postponed until Tuesday next, and ordered to be printed.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Collins: The petition of L. R. Lyon and D. S. Howard, for dredging machines on Lake Champlain—heretofore presented January 5, 1840;

Also, the petition of L. R. Lyon and D. S. Howard, of the State of New York, praying the payment of a balance due them, under a contract with the United States, for the construction of a steam dredging machine, on Lake Erie;

Also, the petition of the same, praying the payment of a balance due them, under a contract with the United States, for the construction of four steam dredging machines, on the Hudson river.

Mr. Mr. McClelland: The petition of John R. Williams—heretofore presented December 14, 1847.

By Mr. W. T. Lawrence: The petition of Henry W. Andrews, of the city of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, praying indemnification for the destruction of his property by hostile Indians, in Florida.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Ligon: The petition of Felix Buscareo and Juan Puig—heretofore presented February 19, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. W. T. Lawrence: The petition of William Shippen—heretofore presented February 10, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Fries: The memorials of citizens of Columbiana, Carroll, and Tuscarawas counties, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Wellsville, Columbiana county, to New Philadelphia, in Tuscarawas county.

By Mr. Rumsey: The memorial of three hundred and forty-nine citizens of Steuben county, in the State of New York, praying for the proportionate reduction of postage on newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. M. Hampton: The petition of citizens of Beaver county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a daily mail route from the city of Pittsburg down the Ohio river, by steamboat, to some suitable point; thence, by stage, to Mansfield, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Ligon: The petition of citizens of Baltimore county, in the State of Maryland, praying for the establishment of a mail route from the city of Baltimore to Bel Air, in Harford county, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Rumsey: The petition of citizens of Conhocton, in the State of New York, praying for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico, and that there be no more slave territory acquired in

consequence of said war: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Bowlin: The petition of Samuel Burns, of the State of Missouri, for himself and the rest of the legal representatives of John Payett, deceased, praying Congress to pass an act confirming to them the title to a certain tract of land in said State;

Also, the petition of the legal representatives of John Jarrot, deceased, praying for the confirmation of title to certain lands in the State of Missouri.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Clingman: The petition of James Kegg and others, chiefs of the Catawba tribe of Indians, of the State of North Carolina—heretofore presented April 24, 1846;

Also, the petition of Joseph Keener and others, citizens of the county of Haywood, in the State of North Carolina, in behalf of the Catawba Indians—heretofore presented January 23, 1847.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Bowlin: The petition of Marshal Sled, Mary King, Tottengen Scribel, Allen Link, Joseph Potterfield, and Henry Keeton, of St. Louis county, in the State of Missouri, praying for the right of pre-emption to certain lands in said State;

Also, the petition of William W. Gitt, of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, praying for the extension of the acts of 1815, enacted for the benefit of the sufferers by earthquakes in New Madrid, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Collamer: The petition of Mehetable Hamilton, of Royalton, in the State of Vermont, praying for relief, in consideration of the services and moneys advanced by her father, Ebenezer Dyer, deceased, who was a soldier in the revolutionary war.

By Mr. Botts: The petition of A. M. Dade, widow of the late Major F. L. Dade, deceased, of Pensacola, in the State of Florida, praying that her pension, which has ceased by limitation, may be continued to her for such term of years as justice demands.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Sylvester: The petition of H. W. Dobbin, "late colonel commandant New York volunteers," praying for remuneration for services rendered and disabilities incurred, by himself and sons, in the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. W. T. Lawrence: The petition of George T. Sinclair, an officer in the navy, praying compensation for discharging the duties of an officer of a higher grade: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Bowlin: The petition of McKnight, Brent, and Wood, praying compensation for flour destroyed at the town of Moro, in

New Mexico, by the United States troops, in the conquest of said place: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then, on motion of Mr. Root, the House, at 3 o'clock and thirty minutes, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## FRIDAY, January 14, 1848.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 23) entitled "An act for the relief of the administratrix of Elisha L. Keen, deceased," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of David Thomas, accompanied by a bill (No. 76) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and said bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Ira Baldwin, and that said petition be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of the heirs of Nathaniel Tracy, and that said petition be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Moses Van Campen, and that said petition be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee of Claims, made adverse reports on the petitions of Daniel Brown and A. Conkling: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That a synopsis of the geological observations on the mineral lands of Lake Superior, made during the last season, under the direction of Dr. Jackson, United States Geological Surveyor, be, and the same is, hereby, ordered to be printed, as a part of the report of the Commissioner of Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Nathan K. Hall,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of James C. Mansfield and Alfred C. Nowland; also, the petition of Mary Mathews Noland; and that said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Tuck, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report upon the petition of Stephen Champlin, accompanied by a bill (No. 77) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of

the day for to-morrow, and said bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. White, from the same Committee, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs inquire into the expediency of continuing the pension of Martha L. Downs for five years from the 20th March, 1847, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Fulton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Levi M. Roberts, and that said petition be laid upon the table.

Mr. Robert Smith, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to which was referred a bill (H. R. No. 9) to provide for completing the Cumberland road, in the States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and to Jefferson City, in Missouri, reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing.

*Ordered*, That it be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. Jamieson, in pursuance of notice heretofore given, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 78) for the relief of N. C. Orear: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

By general consent,

The bill from the Senate (No. 49) entitled "An act for the relief of W. B. Slaughter, late secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin," was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Territories.

Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Printing, to which was referred the resolution of the House providing for the printing of one thousand extra copies of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury upon the coast survey, made a report thereon, and recommended the adoption of the said resolution.

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said resolution?

It was decided in the affirmative.

So it was ordered that one thousand copies extra of the said report be printed, 250 copies of the same for the use of the superintendent.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House upon private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Howell Cobb reported bills of the following titles severally without amendment, viz:

No. 2. A bill for the relief of Robert Roberts;

No. 3. A bill for the relief of Phineas Capin, legal administrator of John Cox, deceased, of Boston;

and that the committee had come to no resolution upon bill No. 4 for the relief of Mary Brown, widow of Jacob Brown.

On motion of Mr. Stephens,

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns to-day, it will adjourn to meet on Monday next.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Fries: The memorial of citizens of Stark county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a daily mail route from Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, to Mansfield, in the State of Ohio;

Also, the memorial of citizens of Stark county, in the State of Ohio, of like import;

Also, the memorial of citizens of Columbiana and Stark counties, in the State of Ohio, praying for the same;

By Mr. Morse: The petition of citizens of Natchitoches, in the State of Louisiana—heretofore presented July 10, 1846;

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of Louisiana—heretofore presented February 11, 1847;

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of Louisiana—heretofore presented February 18, 1847;

By William G. Brown: The petition of Hugh F. Feeny and others, clerks in the post office in the city of Wheeling, and State of Virginia, praying for a modification of the post office law of 1847, so as to increase and better define their compensations.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The petition of A. W. & J. H. Foster, of the city of Pittsburg, and State of Pennsylvania, praying that, in consideration of the refusal of the postmaster in the city of Pittsburg to furnish them, according to law, with a list of letters remaining uncalled for at the post office in said city for publication, they may have justice done them.

By Mr. J. R. Ingersoll: The petition of James Sellers, and Abraham L. and George Pennock—heretofore presented January 8, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Cranston: The petition of the heirs of Micah Whitmarsh, deceased, late a lieutenant in the Rhode Island continental line during the war of the revolution, praying for the five years' full pay which was due the said Whitmarsh for his commutation, with interest at 6 per cent.

By Mr. Rose: The petition of Nathan Beard—heretofore presented February 17, 1843.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Bowlin: The petition of William Triplett—heretofore presented January 14, 1847: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Crozier: The petition and papers relative to the payment of certain volunteers in the Florida war—heretofore presented February 3, 1840: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Morse: The petition of Antoine Dupré—heretofore presented March 4, 1846;

Also, the petition of James H. Brigham—heretofore presented January 13, 1846;

Also, the petition of Alexander D. Peck—heretofore presented March 9, 1846;

Also, the petition of James H. Brigham—heretofore presented July 3, 1846.

By Mr. Andrew Johnson: The petition of James S. May and others, legal representatives of Samuel May, deceased—heretofore presented December 11, 1845.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Bowlin: The memorial of the Bloomfield convention in the State of Missouri, praying that the swamp or submerged lands in the State of Missouri, destroyed by the earthquakes of 1811 and 1812, be donated to said State on condition of their being reclaimed.

By Mr. Morse: The petition of Aaron Livingston and others—heretofore presented April 30, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Also, the petition of J. Huddleston and others—heretofore presented April 30, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Harris: The petition of William Kennedy—heretofore presented February 17, 1847: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Rose: The petition of Patience Corbin—heretofore presented February 3, 1846.

By Mr. Thurston: The petition of the heirs of Elizabeth Stevenson, widow of Peter Stevenson, deceased, of the State of New York, praying for arrears of pension due the said Elizabeth Stevenson.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Bayly: The petition of Lieutenant A. Garland—heretofore presented January 11, 1847: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Morse: The petition of Joshua Tarkington and others—heretofore presented June 3, 1846;

Also, ten memorials of citizens of the parishes of St. Landry, Calcasieu, Avoyelles, Rapides, Natchitoches, Sabine, De Soto, Caddo, Bossier, Claiborne, Union, Jackson, Morehouse, Ouachita, Caldwell, Franklin, and Catahoula, in the State of Louisiana—heretofore presented February 9, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petition and memorials be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

And then, on motion of Mr. Boyd, the House, at 3 o'clock and fifteen minutes, adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1848.

Mr. Boyd offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the annual message of the President of the United States shall cease at 3 o'clock this day, if the committee

shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same; and the committee shall then proceed to act upon the same, and shall then report it to the House with such proceedings as may have been agreed to by the committee.

Mr. Stephens moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 91 / Nays ..... 94

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
John Gayle

Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nes
William A. Newall

Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Armisted Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins

Mr. John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston

Mr. Samuel W. Inge
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sere
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay

Mr. Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury

Mr. William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart

Mr. James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley.

So the said resolution was not laid upon the table.

The question recurred on agreeing thereto: when

Mr. Tuck moved to amend the same, by striking out the words "3 o'clock this day," and inserting in lieu thereof the following words: "*first day of February next.*"

Thereupon Mr. Boyd modified his said resolution, by striking out the words "3 *o'clock this day*," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "*in two hours after the same shall be again taken up in Committee of the Whole.*"

Mr. Stephens moved that the further consideration of the said resolution be postponed until Monday next;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 98 / Nays ..... 97

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
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William M. Cocke
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Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher

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Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nes
William A. Newall

Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
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Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green
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James J. McKay
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Job Mann
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Isaac E. Morse
Mr. Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
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Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
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Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley.

Mr. Roman offered the following resolution; which was read, and debate arising thereon, it was laid over, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the propriety of making appropriations for the improvement of the harbor of Havre de Grace, Maryland, by removing obstructions from the entrance thereof; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. McLane offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War furnish to this House the report and map of Lieutenant Emory, of the topographical engineers, of the route of the army under General Kearny from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean, with such parts of the report of Captain Cooke as related to his deviation from such route, and the report and map of Lieutenant Abert, of the same corps, of his examinations in the province of New Mexico; and, also, the reports of such military commanders serving with the army in Mexico as have been received since the transmission of his annual report to Congress, and already furnished to the Senate for publication, with the documents accompanying said report.

On motion of Mr. McLane, the rule requiring this resolution to lie upon the table one day was suspended: and

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said resolution: when

Mr. McLane, at the suggestion of Mr. Schenck, modified his reso-

lution, by adding at the end thereof the following: "And, also, the journal kept during that expedition by Captain Abraham R. Johnson, of the United States 1st dragoons, up to the time of his death, when killed in the battle of San Pascual, in California."

The resolution was read, as modified: when

Mr. McLane moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the said resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Botts offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House, if not incompatible with the public interests, the specific objects for which he applied to the last Congress for an appropriation of three millions of dollars, and the grounds on which he gave the assurance that such an appropriation would be the means of securing a speedy peace with Mexico; and that he also state whether any effort or proposition has been made by the Executive, or its agent or agents, for the disposition of said fund, or any part thereof; or whether such agent or agents have been authorized to make propositions to the Mexican authorities or any Mexican officers, civil or military, or to any citizen or citizens of Mexico for the disposition of the whole or any part thereof; and that he be requested to furnish all instructions and correspondence, together with all the facts and circumstances relating thereto; and if no disposition has been made, or attempted to be made of said fund, for the purpose of securing peace, as promised, to state his reasons therefor.

Mr. Fulton offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Martinsville, in the county of Henry, to Floyd Court-house, Virginia.

Mr. Goggin offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be communicated to this House any correspondence on file in any of the departments of the government in regard to the duties at this time paid on American tobacco sent to the united kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland since the year 1840, together with any instructions given by the President, or any officer of this government, to the diplomatic representatives thereof in England or other countries, in regard to a diminution of such duties.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Goggin asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 79) making further appropriations of land to satisfy Virginia military land warrants for services during the revolutionary war, and for other purposes connected with said services: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Meade,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the laws

on the subject of the transportation of the mails so as to fix a maximum price for transporting the same on railroads and steamboats, designate the routes of mails of the first class; and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Clingman,

*Resolved*, That Isaac Sevar have leave to withdraw from the files of this House the papers in support of his claim for a revolutionary pension, with a view to their being presented to the Pension Office.

On motion of Mr. Outlaw,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to reopen Roanoke inlet, in the State of North Carolina, at or near Nag's Head; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Barringer,

*Resolved*, That the petition and papers of Francis W. Holton, for an invalid pension, be withdrawn from the files of this House, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

On motion of Mr. McKay,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be, and they are hereby, instructed to ascertain on inquiry, and report to this House, the terms upon which the Postmaster General can be released from the contract made by him during the past year for the transportation of the great southern mail from Baltimore down the bay; also, the terms upon which the Richmond and Fredericksburg Railroad and Potomac Steamboat and Railroad Company or companies will engage to carry the said mail.

Mr. McKay gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to regulate the cost of collecting the revenue for customs, and also to require all public moneys, from whatever source received, to be paid into the treasury before the same can be disbursed.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States an enrolled bill of the Senate (No. 46) entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the barque Canton."

Mr. McKay gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a joint resolution authorizing and directing certain reports and public documents, which are required by law to be made by the President and the several executive departments to either or both Houses of Congress, to be prepared and printed, ready for delivery, at the commencement of each session.

Mr. Rhett offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing do inquire into the expediency of printing the remaining correspondence, which has not been printed, between the governments of Great Britain and of the United States, relative to the duties imposed by Great Britain on American rough rice or paddy.

Mr. Howell Cobb offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to transmit to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, of this House, the papers

on file in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions, in the case of Catharine Freeman, an applicant for a pension, as the widow of a revolutionary soldier.

Mr. Howell Cobb gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to regulate and equalize the compensation of the district attorneys of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Toombs,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce inquire into the expediency of establishing, by law, a port of entry at Augusta, Georgia.

Mr. Lumpkin gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to divide the State of Georgia into two judicial districts.

Mr. T. Butler King offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Post Master General be directed to report to this House, as soon as practicable, what measures are necessary to impose and regulate the payment of postages on letters and other mailable matter received from foreign ports at the ports of the United States, and sent from the ports of the United States to foreign ports; and also, what measures are necessary to impose and regulate postages on mailable matter sent by sea from one port to another, in the United States.

The resolution was read; and,

On motion of Mr. King, the rule requiring the same to lie one day upon the table was suspended, and the resolution was considered and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Boyd,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of relinquishing the Cumberland road, with all its fixtures, bridges, and materials prepared for making the same, to the States, respectively, within which the same is situated.

On motion of Mr. French,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Grayson, in Carter county, Kentucky, *via* the precinct on Little Sandy and Daniel Horton's, to West Liberty, in Morgan county; and from thence, *via* Hazlegreen, to Jackson, in Breathitt county.

Mr. Andrew Johnson gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to change the title of an act, approved on the 10th day of August, 1846, entitled "An act to establish the 'Smithsonian Institution for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men,'" to that of the "Washington University for the benefit of the indigent children of the District of Columbia," in memory of, and out of respect to, George Washington, the father of his country.

Mr. Cocke presented resolutions of the General Assembly of Tennessee, approving of Mr. A. Whitney's plan of a railroad to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans: which resolutions were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cocke gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to repeal so much of the first section of an act approved June 18,

1846, as authorizes the President of the United States, when the war with Mexico shall be terminated by a treaty of peace, to select from the number of major generals and brigadier generals then in service "the number to be retained, without regard to the date of their commissions."

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Crozier asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 80) to promote the education of the indigent deaf and dumb: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Stanton gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill for the relief of the heirs of Mathew Rea, a lieutenant in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Stanton presented the memorial of Robert Mills, of Washington city, relative to a new route to the Pacific ocean, with a plan for the transportation of dispatches to Astoria, in the Oregon Territory, in fifteen days: which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Chase offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to order our troops to retreat from the positions which they have gallantly won in Mexico, for the purpose of falling back upon a defensive line.

The said resolution was read; when

Mr. Chase moved the previous question.

Mr. Stephens moved that the resolution be laid upon the table;

And, the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 96 / Nays ..... 89

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boyden
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
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Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly

Mr. David Fisher
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln

Mr. Abraham R. McIlvaine
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor

Mr. Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Mr. Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Mr. Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
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Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
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John R. J. Daniel
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Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Mr. John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
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Mr. Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
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Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
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James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of providing, by law, that it shall be the duty of the Postmaster General to arrange and class the service hereafter to be required of the railroad companies, including those in which the service is partly by steamboats, in the transportation of the United States mails, into four classes, according to the size of the mails, the speed and frequency with which the mails are or shall be required to be conveyed, and the importance of the service; and it shall be lawful for him to contract for carrying the mail with any such railroad company, or any steamboat company, or any railroad and steamboat company, either with or without advertising for such contracts:

*Provided*, That for the first class service, in conveying the mail on any railroad, he shall not pay a higher rate of compensation than two hundred dollars per mile per annum; nor for second class service, on any railroad, a greater compensation than one hundred and fifty dollars per mile per annum; nor for third class service, on any railroad, a greater compensation than one hundred dollars per mile per annum; nor for fourth class service, on any railroad, a greater compensation than fifty dollars per mile per annum; nor for carrying the mail on steamboats, or on the steamboat portion of a railroad and steamboat route, a greater compensation

than above specified for the several classes, less twelve and one-half per cent.; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. James H. Thomas,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to inquire into the propriety of providing, by law, for the payment, to the widows, heirs, or legal representatives, of such volunteers in the Mexican war who may have been killed in battle, or died before the end of their term of service, the same pay as they would have received had they served their full time for which they entered the service; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Cummins offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That, by the Constitution of the United States, the power is conferred upon Congress to appropriate the money of the United States for the construction of such works of internal improvement as are necessary for the national defence, and for the safety and preservation of the military marine of the country, which works may incidentally be used for the advancement and protection of commerce, so far as the same are suitable for that purpose.

*Resolved*, That, by the Constitution of the United States, the power *is not conferred upon Congress* to appropriate the money of the United States for the construction of works of internal improvement, within the limits of any State in the confederacy, the object of which work is for the *regulation of commerce only*, and not for national defence; but such power, when assumed and exercised by Congress, is derived, not from a faithful construction of the Constitution itself, *nor from its letter or spirit*, but by a latitudinarian construction of that instrument, and an unwarranted implication of power, dangerous alike in principle and in practice.

*Resolved*, That the example of those States which have engaged in an *indiscriminate and combined* system of internal improvements, has clearly proved the dangerous tendencies and corrupting influences of *such a policy*, and which should admonish the national legislature not to impose upon the people of the United States an onerous public debt, involve their government in hopeless bankruptcy, and subject the halls of legislation to unscrupulous demands and corrupting appliances for a partial distribution of the national revenues, to be expended for local and selfish purposes, which are the necessary consequences of such a system.

*Resolved*, That no appropriation should be made by Congress for any improvement which is not, of itself, *separately considered*, of sufficient national importance to entitle it to the favorable consideration of the national legislature.

*Resolved*, That, to defray the current expenses of the government, and for the vigorous and successful prosecution of the existing war with Mexico, all the revenues and means of the United States are necessary; and the same ought not to be diverted or appropriated to objects of less importance, or doubtful expediency, until an honorable peace is obtained.

Mr. Sawyer gave notice that he would ask leave to introduce a bill to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands to actual settlers, and for other purposes.

Mr. Crowell offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to inform this House if any secret inspectors, or any additional inspectors have been appointed in New Hampshire within the last three years; and if any have been so appointed, what was the occasion of such appointment; and, also, the places where they reside, the duties they have performed since their appointment, and the compensation they have severally received, and at what times; also, to lay before the House copies of any letters received at the Treasury Department representing the necessity of such appointment, and, also, copies of the accounts of any such inspector, if any have been so appointed.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Taylor asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 81) to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office.

Mr. Giddings offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, on Friday last, three armed persons engaged in the internal slave trade, entered a dwelling in this city and violently seized a colored man, employed as a waiter in the boarding-house of several members of this body, and in the presence of his wife gagged him, placed him in irons, and with loaded pistols forced him into one of the slave prisons of this city, from which, it is reported, he has since been despatched for the slave market at New Orleans;

And whereas said colored man had been employed in said boarding-house for several years, had become well and favorably known to members of this House, had married a wife in this city, and under a contract to purchase his freedom for the sum of three hundred dollars, had by great industry paid that sum within about sixty dollars;

And whereas outrages like the foregoing have been of common occurrence in this district, and are sanctioned by the laws of Congress, and are extremely painful to many of the members of this House, as well as in themselves inhuman: Therefore,

*Resolved*, That a select committee of five members be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts aforesaid; also, as to the propriety of repealing such acts of Congress as sustain or authorize the slave trade in this district, or to remove the seat of government to some free State.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Giddings moved the previous question.

Mr. Gayle moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 85 / Nays ..... 87 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
Mr. Thomas O. Edwards
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
Mr. John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
James J. McKay
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
J. Dixon Roman
Alexander D. Sims
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
William Duer
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
George Fries
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Mr. Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William A. Newall
John G. Palfrey
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James Wilson.

The question recurred on seconding the previous question: when Mr. Jamieson moved to reconsider the vote by which the House had refused to lay the said resolution on the table.

Mr. Giddings modified his said resolution by inserting after the word "whereas," where it first occurs in the said preamble, the words "*it is represented that;*" and by striking out the following words at the end of the said resolution: "*or to remove the seat of government to some free State.*"

The said preamble and resolution were read as modified: when Mr. Haralson moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table.

When, upon inquiry,

The Speaker decided, that as the resolution had been modified by the mover, another resolution to lay on the table was now in order without any reconsideration of the previous vote, and that the motion to reconsider would, therefore, fall; and the question would be on laying the resolution on the table.

The question was then put on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Haralson that the said resolution be laid upon the table.

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 94 / Nays ..... 88

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
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Mr. George N. Eckert
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Emile La Sère
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
Mr. William B. Maclay
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
J. Dixon Roman
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
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Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
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John Blanchard
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Charles W. Cathcart
Jacob Collamer
Mr. William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
William Duer
Mr. George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher

Mr. John Freedley
George Fries
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
James H. Johnson
Orlando Kellogg

Mr. Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William A. Newall
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell

Mr. Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
Frederick A. Tallmadge
James Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James Wilson.

So the said resolution was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Nathan Evans,

*Resolved*, That the Commissioner of Pensions be requested to send to this House the declaration of Henry Haynes for the purpose of procuring a pension, and the papers and evidences accompanying the same; and that the same be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

*Resolved*, That the Commissioner of Pensions be requested to send to the Clerk of this House the application of George Cassady for a pension, and the papers and evidences accompanying the same; and that the same be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Schenck,

*Resolved*, That William A. Poor, of Maryland, have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of this House, to be used by the petitioner in prosecuting his claim at the executive departments.

On motion of Mr. Lahm,

*Resolved*, That the papers on file in the Clerk's office in relation to the application of James Hillman, of Ohio, for a pension, be taken from the files; and that the same be referred to the standing Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Hammons moved that the vote agreeing to the said resolution be reconsidered: which motion was laid over, under the rule:

On motion of Mr. Miller,

*Resolved*, That the Commissioner of Pensions be requested to deliver to the Clerk of this House the papers on file in his office relating to the application of Sarah Dunham for a pension; and that they be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Fries,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to furnish the Committee on Invalid Pensions with the papers of Arthur Wilson, an invalid pensioner; also, the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions with the papers of Samuel Pool, an applicant for a pension.

On motion of Mr. Dickinson,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the adjustment of unpaid claims *due by members of the Wyandot Indians to the citizens of the United States*, agreeably to the stipulations of the sixth article of the treaty with that people, concluded March 17, 1842.

On motion of Mr. Richey,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting to widows who were married to revolutionary officers or soldiers prior to the year 1812, all the benefits of the several acts and resolutions passed or to be passed in favor of widows who were married to revolutionary officers and soldiers prior to the year 1794.

Mr. Dickinson gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills of the following titles:

A bill for the improvement and protection of the following harbors on Lake Erie, in the State of Ohio, to wit: The head and mouth of Sandusky bay; the harbor at Huron; the harbor at Vermillion; the harbor at Black River, and the harbor at Perrysburg.

Mr. Fisher offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby requested to communicate to this House, at his earliest convenience, the amount of money in the aggregate paid or due for services to the officers and clerks of the independent treasury since it took effect, to the 1st day of January, 1848; and further, that he communicate in detail the amount of public money transferred, by whom, in what manner, and to what places transferred, under the independent treasury law, with the cost of transferring the same, either directly or indirectly.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Faran obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 82) to amend the act entitled "An act extending the jurisdiction of the district courts to certain cases upon the lakes, and navigable waters connecting the same," approved the 26th day of February, 1845: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Harmanson moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce a bill providing for the final settlement of certain confirmed claims in Louisiana, and for other purposes.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, (two-thirds voting in favor thereof.)

Mr. Harmonson accordingly introduced his said bill, (No. 83:) which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Harmanson asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 84) to grant lands to certain parishes in the State of Louisiana, as a leveeing fund: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. La Sère,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into and report upon the expediency and necessity of establishing a naval depot at or near the city of New Orleans.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. La Sère asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 85) for the relief of William De Buys, late postmaster at New Orleans: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Wick offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of directing by law that naval officers, while at the seat of government on leave or duty, shall appear in the dress or undress uniform of their proper rank and corps respectively.

The said resolution was read.

And the question being put on agreeing thereto,

It was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Cathcart,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the 9th section of the "Act to raise for a limited time an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, 1847, so that those soldiers who have by their services in Mexico entitled themselves to warrants under said act, and who are pre-emption claimants upon the Miami lands in Indiana, may be permitted to lay their warrants upon their improvements, as others who are both soldiers and settlers are allowed to do upon the balance of the public lands.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Cathcart asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 86) to reduce the minimum price of the Miami lands in Indiana: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Caleb B. Smith gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to discourage speculations in public lands of the United States, and to appropriate them in limited quantities to actual settlers.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the compensation of State adjutant generals, for services in reference to raising and forwarding volunteers to their place of rendezvous, and in superintending the same until they are mustered into service, and of making such law retrospective.

The said resolution was read; and the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Wick,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the bounty land law, or some modification thereof, so as to secure the benefit thereof,

entirely or in part, to the surviving soldiers of the Indian wars and of the last war with Great Britain.

On motion of Mr. Dunn,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the payment to the heirs of the officers and soldiers killed in battle the amount of all treasury notes and other property or money in the possession of such officer or soldier at his death, and which was lost in consequence thereof.

On motion of Mr. Henley,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act entitled "An act to provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen, and for establishing military stations on the route to Oregon," approved May 9, 1846, as to provide for the discharge of all such non-commissioned officers and privates of said regiment as may desire it at the termination of the present war with Mexico.

Mr. Henley gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to extend the right of suffrage to all white male inhabitants of the District of Columbia who have resided therein twelve months next preceding the election at which they propose to vote.

Mr. Tompkins gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to be entitled "An act to provide pensions for all officers and soldiers, regulars and volunteers, who have been injured and permanently disabled in the service in the existing war with Mexico.

Mr. Tompkins offered the following preamble and resolutions; which were read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule, viz:

Whereas, in the judgment of this House, the people of the United States, by the terms of the Constitution and the genius of our government, are sovereign, and that with them, through their Representatives in Congress, rests the question of war, one of the highest attributes of sovereignty:

And whereas the people, as sovereign and as payers of the expenses in money and in blood, have a right at all times and under all circumstances to know what specific object is proposed to be accomplished by a war prosecuted in their name and at their cost:

And whereas the people have not, in due constitutional form, through their Representatives in Congress, declared war against the republic of Mexico, nor declared for what specific object the same shall be prosecuted:

And whereas millions of the people's money have been expended, an onerous debt incurred, and thousands of valuable lives sacrificed in the prosecution of the existing war with Mexico, it is incumbent on those public functionaries who projected and are directing the said war to communicate to this House, for the information of the true sovereign, the people, the specific object to be accomplished by the prosecution of the war with Mexico, and specifically the means by which the object is to be accomplished: Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be respectfully requested, if in his opinion it will not conflict with the public in-

terests, to inform this House what specific object he proposes to accomplish by the prosecution of the war with Mexico, and, specifically, by what means he proposes the accomplishment of the object; and,

*First.* Whether or not it is his object and design to subjugate the whole of the Mexican people, and to conquer and hold the whole of the Mexican territory, or any portion of the said people, or any part of the said territory, and what portion and what part?

*Second.* In the event of subjugation and conquest, partial or entire, what does he propose to do with the people subjugated and the territory conquered and held? Is it his object and design to organize governments there? If so, what kind and character of government shall be vouchsafed to the subjugated Mexicans, civil or military, republican or otherwise, territorial merely, or as free States, to be admitted into this Union?

*Third.* What rights, civil and political, are to be extended to the subjugated Mexicans? Is it intended to guarantee to them the right of suffrage and representation in the Congress of the United States?

*Fourth.* Is it intended to despoil the Mexican churches or churchmen of their property or estates, or to levy contributions on either, to aid in paying the expenses of subjugating the Mexican people?

*Fifth.* Is it intended, in the event of conquest, that the titles of individuals to land in the conquered territory shall be respected? And,

*Sixth.* What proportion of the fertile and valuable land situated within the territory proposed to be conquered and held is unappropriated to individual claimants or owners?

On motion of Mr. Jacob Thompson,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a mail route from Memphis, Tennessee, via Robinson, "Lewellin" cross-roads, and College Hill, to Oxford, Mississippi; also, from Ripley, Mississippi, via Campbelltown, to Aberdeen, Mississippi.

On motion of Mr. Featherston,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Belfontaine to Grenada, in the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Ficklin gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills of the following titles, viz:

A bill to cede to the several States, on certain conditions, the public lands within their respective limits.

A bill to grant to the State of Illinois alternate sections of land, along the line of the Cairo and Chicago railroad, to aid in its completion.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency and necessity of furnishing non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, in the volunteer corps now in the service of the United States, with clothing, in kind.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Robert Smith obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 87) to grant to the State of Illinois a right of way through the public lands of the United States, and for

other purposes, to aid in the construction of the "Northern cross railroad:" which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Robert Smith gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a joint resolution explanatory of the 9th section of the act of February 11, 1847, entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes."

Mr. Wentworth offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any alteration of the Constitution of the United States is necessary in order to refer the election of either postmasters, or land officers, or revenue officers, or officers of any other kind, now appointed by the President, "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate," directly to the people; and if no such alteration is necessary, then to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill referring the election of such officers directly to the people, from and after the 4th of March, 1850.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. George S. Houston moved that it be laid upon the table; which motion was not agreed to.

And the question was then put, Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And decided in the affirmative.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Turner obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 88) to amend an act entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights," approved September 4, 1841: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Turner gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a joint resolution annexing New Mexico and upper California to the United States, and to extend the laws of the United States over said territories.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Lincoln obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 89) to amend an act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, 1847: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. McClelland: The petition of Stephen Bowerman, of the State of Michigan, praying that the House of Representatives adopt a legislative telegraph of his invention for taking the yeas and nays: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Harmanson: The petition of the heirs of William McFarland—heretofore presented March 6, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Butler: The petition of the heirs of Captain Samuel Ransom—heretofore presented March 11, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of J. W. Nye, assignee of Peter

Bargy, jr., and Hugh Stewart—heretofore presented May 17, 1844: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of citizens of Ashtabula county, in the State of Ohio, praying that the American troops now in Mexico be immediately withdrawn within the proper limits of the United States, and that offers of peace on just and equitable terms be made to the Mexican government: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Crowell: Three petitions of citizens of Trumbull, Portage, and Summit counties, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a tri-weekly mail route from Warren, in the county of Trumbull, to Hudson, in the county of Summit.

By Mr. Goggin: The petition of Landon G. Chambers, of the State of Virginia, praying that he may have refunded to him moneys lost in transmitting the same by mail through the post office, by being purloined therefrom.

By Mr. Charles E. Stuart: The petition of citizens of Michigan, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to Allegan, in the county of Allegan, in the State of Michigan.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. B. L. Clark: The petition of Michael Dowling, William Lerillard, John P. Boyce, Patrick Menan, and William C. Honucus, late soldiers in the army of the United States, praying for the bounty land due them for their services;

Also, the petition of Edward Dougherty, late a sergeant of the 2d dragoons in the war with Mexico, praying for the bounty land which he is entitled to for his services.

By Mr. J. R. Ingersoll: The petition of George E. Blake, of the city of Philadelphia, administrator of Lieutenant J. Edmund Blake, deceased, late of the topographical engineers, praying for reimbursement of loss charged to him by accounting officers of money stolen from his trunk in the field at Corpus Christi, in the State of Texas.

By Mr. Wentworth: Two petitions of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying for a speedy termination of the war with Mexico.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The petition of citizens of Darien, in the State of Georgia—heretofore presented February 16, 1846;

Also, the memorial of the Savannah chamber of commerce—heretofore presented December 15, 1846.

By Mr. Hunt: The petition of citizens of Rochester, in the State of New York, praying that a drawback of duty be allowed on Canadian wheat manufactured for export in the United States;

Also, the petition of citizens of Rochester, in the State of New York, praying for Congress to pass a law to prevent the importation of spurious and adulterated medicines.

By Mr. J. R. Ingersoll: The memorial of the Philadelphia college of pharmacy, praying that a law be enacted embracing the ap-

pointment of a proper inspector at each port of entry, whose duty it shall be to examine all the importation of drugs, medicines, and chemicals, and, if necessary, to have them properly tested.

By Mr. Meade: The petition of J. Travis Rosser, collector of the Petersburg district, in the State of Virginia, praying for an increase of salary.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The petition of George Cochran—heretofore presented December 26, 1843.

By Mr. Botts: The petition of Indiana Shoemaker, of the State of Virginia, widow of the late Captain George R. Shoemaker, deceased, praying to be paid the compensation due her late husband for his services on board the schooner Butler, a transport vessel, and from which he was lost.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Chapman: The memorial of the Provident Association of Clerks in the District of Columbia, praying for certain amendments to the charter of said association: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Bowlin: The petition of Wyatt Richards, of the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, praying for a change in a location of his bounty land, received for his services in the late war with Great Britain, its present location having fallen on worthless swamp land in the Arkansas district;

Also, the petition of George Maguire, of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, praying compensation for his services as acting superintendent of Indian affairs at St. Louis, for the time between the death of General Clark and the appointment of his successor.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Kennon: The petition of Bryan, Manypenny, & Co.—heretofore presented January 7, 1845.

By Mr. Hubbard: The petition of citizens of Deep River, in the State of Connecticut, praying for a reduction of the rates of postage and the abolishment of the franking privilege.

By Mr. Featherston: The petition of citizens of Choctaw and Yallobusha counties, in the State of Mississippi, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Grenada, in Yallobusha county, to Bellefontaine, in Choctaw county, in said State.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of Morris Fosdick and other citizens of Erie county, in the State of New York, praying the repeal of so much of the law of last session as imposes postage on newspapers within the counties, or within thirty miles of the places of publication.

By Mr. Hunt: The petition of citizens of Orleans county, in the State of New York, praying that newspapers may be carried by the mail free of postage within the counties and within thirty miles of the places of publication; and, also, that the franking privilege be abolished.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Rose: The petition of citizens of Ontario county, in the State of New York, praying for Congress to provide the ways and means to obtain the seed of the potatoe, from the parent plant, in the place of its nativity, for the purpose of restoring it to its pristine vigor and healthfulness: which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The petition of Francis G. De Liesseline—heretofore presented January 14, 1847: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Hill: The petition of Joel Thatcher—heretofore presented February 15, 1845;

Also, the petition of John Gawney—heretofore presented February 17, 1846.

By Mr. White: The petition of Colonel Hugh W. Dobbin, of the State of New York, praying for arrearages of pension.

By Mr. Sherrill: The petition of Benjamin P. Smith, of Delaware county, in the State of New York, praying for a pension in consideration of his services, and wounds and disabilities, incurred in the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Featherston: The petition of John H. Goolsby, of Houston, in the State of Mississippi, praying for a pension in consideration of his services, and wounds and disabilities, incurred in the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Edwards: Three memorials of citizens of the State of Ohio, residents on the Zanesville and Maysville turnpike road, praying for a donation of the public lands for the purpose of completing said road.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Sheboygan, in Wisconsin Territory, praying for an appropriation for Fox river road—heretofore presented January 9, 1846;

Also, the petition of citizens of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for an appropriation of five thousand dollars for the road from Milwaukie to Madison—heretofore presented December 29, 1845;

Also, the petition of citizens of Dodge county, in the Territory of Wisconsin—heretofore presented January 16, 1846;

Also, the petition of citizens of Milwaukie, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for an appropriation for the road from Milwaukie to Dodge county—heretofore presented January 16, 1846;

Also, the petition of citizens of Washington county, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for an appropriation for the road from Sauk harbor to Dekone—heretofore presented January 20, 1846;

Also, five petitions of citizens of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for an appropriation to construct a road from Milwaukie to Madison—heretofore presented January 30, 1846;

Also, the petition of citizens of Brown county, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for an appropriation for the road to Copper harbor—heretofore presented January 28, 1846;

Also, the petition of citizens of Watertown, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for an appropriation to construct a road from said place to Milwaukie—heretofore presented March 31, 1846;

Also, the petition of citizens of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for an appropriation to construct certain roads leading from Milwaukie—heretofore presented March 16, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Goggin: additional testimony in the case of William Via: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. —— ——: The petition of Josiah Lorkin, assignee of Robert Smith, deceased, late of Philadelphia, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The resolutions of a meeting of the inhabitants of Danvers, in the State of Massachusetts, in relation to the present war between the United States and Mexico, praying Congress to use all lawful means to bring the said war to a speedy close.

*Ordered*, That said petition and resolutions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

And then, on motion of Mr. Sidney Lawrence, the House, at half past 3 o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the annual message of the President of the United States, had come to no resolution thereon.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary; which was delivered in at the Speaker's table.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Nes: The petitions of citizens of Adams county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying the repeal of the act of March 3, 1847, requiring postage on newspapers circulating in the mail within thirty miles of the places of their publication; and also, that part of the same act requiring the pre-payment of three cents postage on transit newspapers.

By Mr. Crowell: three petitions of citizens of the counties of Trumbull, Portage, and Summit, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Warren, in Trumbull county, to Hudson, in Summit county.

By Mr. Green: The petition of citizens of the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Alexandria, in said State, to Des Moines, in the State of Iowa.

By Mr. Gayle: The memorial of citizens of the city of Mobile, in

the State of Alabama, complaining of an order of the Postmaster General requiring double postage on letters conveyed by steamboats not in the employ of the department as oppressive, and praying for relief.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Peck: The petition of the Northern Railroad Company, in the State of New York, praying the assent of Congress to construct their road through lands ceded to the government by the State of New York: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. W. T. Lawrence: The petition of Sally Ann Titus, of Trumansburg, in the State of New York, praying for the renewal of a patent: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Hammons: The petition of the children of George and Susannah Stewart, praying for a pension, in consideration of the services of their father, George Stewart, deceased, in the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Wilson: Three memorials of citizens of the State of New Hampshire, praying for a speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Root: The memorial of citizens of Litchfield, in the State of Ohio, praying for the prohibition of buying and selling human beings in the District of Columbia: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Murphy: The petition of John H. Baker, of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, praying for the reimbursement of moneys paid by him to ransom the crew of the ship Paragon from pirates, in the China sea: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of Horatio Dyer, legal representative of Captain Charles Smith, late of the Maryland continental line, deceased, praying for the commutation of five years' full pay, in lieu of the half-pay for life provided by the continental Congress, to which the said Smith was entitled: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Wentworth: The memorial of masters and officers of vessels engaged in navigating the northern lakes, praying for the erection of a light-house at Port Washington, in Wisconsin Territory: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Harmanson: The petition of David H. Gillespie, of Livingston parish, in the State of Louisiana, praying for certain lands, as bounty land for his services in the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Faran: The supplemental memorial of Protestant University of the United States, in the State of Ohio, praying for a donation of public land, to aid said institution.

*Ordered*, That said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. White: The petition of Samuel P. Todd, of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, purser in the United States navy, praying an allowance on all funds negotiated by him, as special agent on the Brazil station, in the years 1840 and 1841,

for the use of the squadron under the command of Commodore Charles G. Ridgely: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Nathan Evans: The petition of George Cassidy, late a private in Captain S. B. Thornton's United States dragoons, praying for a pension, in consideration of wounds and disabilities incurred by a fall from his horse, while on drill, in the service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Hammons: The petition of Elizabeth Pool, widow of JohnPool, deceaesd, praying for a pension, in consideration of the services, sufferings, and sacrifices of her late husband, during the war of the revolution;

Also, the petition of the children of Elijah Smith, deceased, late a soldier of the Revolution, praying for the compensation their father was entitled to for his services and sacrifices during said war;

Also, the petition of the children of Daniel Hurd, deceased, praying for the compensation the said Hurd was entitled to for his services and sacrifices during the revolutionary war.

By Mr. Nathan Evans: The petition of Catharine Wilson, widow of James Wilson, deceased, praying for a renewal of the acts of 1843 and June, 1844, granting pensions to the widows of revolutionary pensioners;

Also, the petition of Agnes Clark, widow of John Clark, deceased, praying a renewal of the acts of Congress granting pensions to the widows of revolutionary pensioners.

By Mr. N. K. Hall: The petition of Phelemin Phelps, widow of Cornelius Phelps, deceased, praying an extension of the laws granting pensions to widows of revolutionary soldiers, so as to include all married prior to 1818;

Also, the petition of Jemima Fillmore, widow of Cyrus Fillmore, deceased, late a revolutionary pensioner, praying that the pensions of widows of revolutionary soldiers may be continued for life.

By Mr. Palfrey: The petition of William Parker, of Reading, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for a pension, in consideration of services rendered in the war of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Abbott: The memorial of citizens of Newburyport, in the State of Massachusetts, praying Congress and the Executive to take, as soon as possible, the necessary steps, by the use of all just and honorable means, for securing an immediate and permanent peace with Mexico;

By Mr. Root: The memorial of citizens of Loraine county, in the State of Ohio, of like import;

Also, the petition of citizens of Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, of like import.

By Mr. Wilson: The petition of Alexander Ladd, of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, praying indemnity for French spoliations, prior to the year 1800.

*Ordered*, That said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: Two petitions of masters and other officers of vessels, and citizens of the State of Connecticut, praying for an appropriation for the purpose of building and stationing, at or near Bartlett's reef, a floating light and bell vessel: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 3 o'clock and five minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## WEDNESDAY, January 19, 1848.

Mr. Crowell, from the Committee of Claims, reported a bill (No. 90) for the relief of John P. Converse, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Daniel, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of William B. Norris: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Hunt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of George R. Ward; and that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Gayle, by general consent,

*Resolved*, That the Postmaster General be requested to communicate to this House a copy of any instructions he may have given to the postmaster at Mobile in relation to the postage to be charged on steamboats not in the employ of the government.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill (No. 91) to amend an act, entitled "An act to re-organize the General Land Office," approved July 4, 1836: which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Goggin, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported the following resolutions; which were read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Landon G. Chambers, of Virginia, asking to have refunded to him certain moneys lost in its passage through the mail.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be discharged from any further consideration of the subject to them referred relating to the sending of letters and newspapers free of postage to those engaged in the navy of the United States in the gulf squadron or off the coast of Mexico, the same being already provided for by law.

Mr. Lincoln, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, made a report upon the petition of William Fuller and Or-

lando Saltmarsh, accompanied by a bill (No. 92) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kauffman, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, made a report upon the petition of George R. Smith, of Missouri, accompanied by a joint resolution (No. 7) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the resolution and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Meade, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made an adverse report upon the petition of J. H. Overstreet and George B. Didlake: which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Daniel P. King,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Martha Hough; and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Botts, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 38) entitled "An act to provide clothing for volunteers in the service of the United States," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day, and

The bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Burt, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the memorial of certain officers of the army in Mexico, reported a bill (No. 93) to increase the efficiency of the regiments and corps of the army, and to provide for disabled and infirm officers: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and memorial ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burt, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made a report upon the petition of Bennet M. Dell, accompanied by a bill (No. 94) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burt, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of certain officers of the army of the United States in Mexico, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 95) to found a military asylum for the relief and support of invalid soldiers of the army of the United States: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which bill and report, together with the memorial, were ordered to be printed.

Mr. McIlvaine, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made an adverse report upon the petition of David Robb: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the Senate bill (No. 5) entitled "An act concerning certain

collection districts, and for other purposes," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That said bill be read a third time to-day.

Said bill was accordingly read a third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the Senate bill (No. 2) entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Wilson," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the Senate bill (No. 24) entitled "An act providing for the payment of the claim of Walter R. Johnson against the United States," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the Senate bill (No. 60) entitled "An act making an additional appropriation for the dry dock at the Brooklyn navy yard," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

Mr. Levin, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 96) to amend an act, entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1848," approved March 3, 1847, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stanton, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Charles W. Babbitt, an acting carpenter in the navy; reported a bill (No. 97) for the relief of certain forward warrant officers in the navy: which bill was read a first and second time, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tuck, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of H. D. Johnson, of Massachusetts, accompanied by a bill (No. 98) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Truman Smith,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the petition for the relief of Edward L. Young, of Norfolk; and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, by general consent, offered the following resolution, with a preamble; which were read, and the said resolution was considered and agreed to, viz:

Whereas Francis Harper died on the 18th March, 1837, after his election from the third district of Pennsylvania, to be a member of

the House of Representatives of the United States, and his death was omitted to be announced to the House as usual during the twenty-fifth Congress: therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House cause the usual monument to be erected in the congressional burying ground to the memory of the said Francis Harper.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made an adverse report upon the petition of Trifphey Campbell: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 99. A bill for the relief of John Manley;

No. 100. A bill for the relief of Sarah Stokes;

accompanied by reports in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Donnell, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made a report upon the petition of Esther Russell, accompanied by a bill (No. 101) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Samuel Jones, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made an adverse report upon the petition of William B. Edwards: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Fulton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Samuel Page, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Farrelly, from the Committee on Patents, reported a bill (No. 102) in addition to an amendment of the several acts to promote the progress of the useful arts: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John W. Houston, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported a bill (No. 103) to pay James Crutchett two thousand dollars for lighting the Capitol and Capitol grounds: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Henley, from the Committee on Patents, made an adverse report upon the petition of Joseph Nock: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, made an adverse report upon the petition of A. H. Hughes: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 27) entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, in certain cases, and for other purposes,'" reported the same with an amendment; and the said bill was left upon the Speaker's table.

Mr. Vinton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 104) to authorize a loan not to exceed the sum of eighteen millions five hundred thousand dollars: which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 40. An act for the relief of Milledge Galphin, executor of the last will and testament of George Galphin, deceased;

No. 45. An act for the relief of Thomas Talbot and others;

No. 89. An act to make attachments which are made under process issuing from the courts of the United States conform to the laws regulating such attachments in the courts of the States;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Brodhead, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the annual message of the President of the United States, had come to no resolution thereon.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the acting Secretary of the Treasury, in regard to a clerical error in his report of the receipts and expenditures, transmitted to the House of Representatives on the 8th of December last: which letter was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Fries: Three petitions of citizens of Columbiana county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a daily mail route from Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, to Mansfield, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Harris: The petition of citizens of Coosa county, in the State of Alabama, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Wetumka to Wedowee, in said State.

By Mr. Dickinson: The petition of citizens of Hancock county, in the State of Ohio, praying for Congress to reduce and equalize the postage on newspapers;

By Mr. Kennon: The petition of citizens of Harrison county, in the State of Ohio, of similar import;

By Mr. Schenck: A petition of similar import, from citizens of Preble county, in the State of Ohio;

By Mr. Taylor: A petition of similar import, of citizens of Adams county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. McIlvaine: The petition of citizens of Sadsbury, in Chester county, and State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Penningtonville, in Chester county, to the Brick tavern, in Lancaster county.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Gentry: The petition of Isaac Cook, Peletiah Shepherd, and Benjamin A. Napier—heretofore presented December 20, 1838.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of William G. Bucknor, executor of John J. Bulow, jr., deceased, and late of the State of Florida, praying compensation for the real and personal property of the said deceased on his plantation, called Bulowville, destroyed by the Indians in January, 1836, during the Seminole war, in consequence of its being occupied as a military post.

By Mr. Pillsbury: The petition of Christopher H. Pex, of Galveston, in the State of Texas, praying for the payment of rent for his buildings, occupied by the judge and court of the admiralty court, at the city of Galveston.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Rose: The petition of Sarah Mandeville—heretofore presented February 19, 1844.

By Mr. Mann: The petition of the heirs of Captain Nehemiah Stokely, deceased—heretofore presented February 5, 1846;

Also, the petition of the heirs of Robert Laughton, deceased, late of Westmoreland county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying compensation for property destroyed by Indians, under the command of British officers, during the revolutionary war.

By Mr. Pollock: The petition of John F. Callan, one of the legal representatives of James Green, deceased, praying the payment of a treasury certificate issued to the said deceased for his services in the war of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Turner: The petition of the agent of the Des Moines Hydraulic Company, in the State of Iowa, praying for an act authorizing said company to improve the Des Moines rapids.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of William Harding, master of the schooner Albatross, of Tisbury, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the remission of a penalty incurred under the revenue laws.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition and accompanying papers of Calvin Emmons, executor of Uri Emmons, deceased, praying for the renewal and extension of a patent for a planing machine, for the benefit of the heirs of said deceased.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of citizens of the city of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the repeal of the law

extending the patent of William Woodworth for a planing machine, in consequence of its having been obtained by fraud.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of Israel Johnson—heretofore presented December 29, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Stephens: The petition of William Fuller, praying remuneration for damages sustained by the non-fulfilment of a contract on the part of government by the Postmaster General: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. French: The petition of Sarah May, of Pike county, in the State of Kentucky, widow of John May, deceased, late in the artillery service, in the Virginia continental line of the Revolution, praying for a pension, in consideration of the services of her late husband: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of George C. De Kay, of the city of New York, praying reimbursement for expenses incurred in conveying a cargo of provisions in the United States frigate Macedonian to the relief of the starving inhabitants of Ireland and Scotland: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Jenkins: The petition of Parmelia Slavin—heretofore presented April 8, 1846;

Also, additional evidence in the case of Aaron Stafford.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and papers be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

And then, on motion of Mr. Root, the House, at 4 o'clock and twenty-three minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## THURSDAY, January 20, 1848.

Mr. Brodhead rose and announced to the House the death of the honorable John W. Hornbeck; and

Thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Brodhead, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That this House has heard, with deep regret, the announcement of the death of the honorable John W. Hornbeck, late a member of the present Congress, who died at his residence, at Allentown, Pennsylvania, on the evening of the 16th instant; and that the members will testify their respect for the memory of the deceased by wearing the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House be directed to communicate a copy of these proceedings to the family of the deceased; and that, as a further mark of respect, this House do now adjourn.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate a copy of said resolutions to the Senate.

And then the Speaker adjourned the House until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1848.

The Speaker announced private business as the order of the day, and proceeded to lay before the House the private bills on his table.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 40. An act for the relief of Milledge Galphin, executor of the last will and testament of George Galphin, deceased;

No. 45. An act for the relief of Thomas Talbot and others;

were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 40, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 45, to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 2) for the relief of Robert Roberts, reported from the Committee of the Whole House, on the 14th instant, without amendment.

The question being on ordering the said bill to be engrossed;

And, after debate,

Mr. Thomas moved to amend the bill, by striking out from the word "*treaties*," in the 12th line of the bill, as printed, to the word "*payable*," inclusive, in the 15th line thereof.

Mr. Daniel moved that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee of Claims, with instructions "*to indicate the fund out of which the claim shall be paid.*"

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative. And

The said bill was recommitted accordingly.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 3) for the relief of the legal administrator of John Cox, deceased, of Boston, reported from the Committee of the Whole House, on the 14th instant, without amendment: when

The said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read a third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the private calendar; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Schenck reported that the committee had had under consideration the bill (No. 4) for the relief of Mary Brown, widow of Jacob Brown, and had come to no resolution thereon.

On motion of Mr. Stephens,

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns to-day, it will adjourn to meet on Monday next.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Petrie: The petition of Casper B. Cook and others, members of a band of music at Sackett's Harbor, in the State of New York, during the late war—heretofore presented March 30, 1840.

By Mr. Levin: The petition of Thomas Copeland—heretofore presented December 23, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Fries: The memorial of citizens of Columbiana county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a daily mail route from Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, down the Ohio river, to some suitable point, and thence west to Mansfield, in the State of Ohio: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Lincoln: The petition of Uriah Brown, praying for a further testing of his discovery of "liquid fire," to be used in national defences: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of masters of vessels and owners in navigation, citizens of Hyannis, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the erection of a light-house on the main land near the mouth of Hyannis harbor: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Cummins: The memorial of citizens of Tuscarawas, in the State of Ohio, praying for an immediate and proportionate reduction of postage on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Pollock: The memorial of citizens of Northumberland county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the existing laws of Congress regulating the rates of postage be so altered and amended as to allow newspapers to be transmitted through the mail free of postage, in the counties in which they are printed, and any distance within thirty miles from the office of publication;

By Mr. Fries: A memorial of like import, of citizens of Jefferson county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Sawyer: The petition of citizens of Henry county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Tiffin, in Seneca county, to Defiance, in Defiance county;

Also, the petition of citizens of Lucas, Henry, Defiance, and Williams counties, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post route from Waterville, in Lucas county, to Byron, in the county of Williams.

*Ordered*, That said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of the heirs of Nathaniel Irish, deceased—heretofore presented February 16, 1820: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Clingman: The memorial of volunteers of the North Carolina regiment of infantry, praying for an act of Congress authorizing the discharge, on application, of the married men of said regiment: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. E. B. Holmes: The memorial of citizens residing on the northern lakes and the river St. Lawrence, praying that the laws regulating drawback and warehousing be extended to our trade with Canada, so that Canadian wheat may be imported into the lake and river ports of the northern frontier, admitted to entry under bond, and, after being manufactured into flour, and on the exportation of it, the said bonds be discharged.

By Mr. Grinnell: The memorial of citizens of Truro, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for a survey of Parmet river, and the erection of a light-house at its mouth.

*Ordered*, That said memorials be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Bayly: The petition of Alexander Hunter, marshal of the District of Columbia, praying that the proper accounting officer be authorized to settle his claim, according to justice and equity, and pay the amount he may be entitled to: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Kennon: The memorial of Henry Johnson, and other citizens of the State of Ohio, together with resolutions of its Legislature, praying that the said Henry Johnson be placed on the pension roll of the United States.

By Mr. W. P. Hall: The petition of Anna Hamilton, widow of F. Hamilton, deceased, late 1st lieutenant in the United States dragoons, praying for a pension, in consideration of the premature death of her late husband, caused by exposure in an unhealthy climate, while in the service of the United States.

By Mr. Strong: The petition of George Bock, of Berks county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for a pension, in consideration of his services in the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of Mary Stanton—heretofore presented January 24, 1846.

By Mr. Nelson: The petition of Elizabeth Rose—heretofore presented January 14, 1847.

*Ordered*, That said memorial and petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Atkinson: The memorial of Fanny Conway, of the State of Kentucky, widow of Doctor Conway, deceased, late assistant surgeon in the navy, praying for an extension of her pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Sherrill: The petition of March Farrington—heretofore presented January 29, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of citizens of the State of Indiana, praying Congress to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to subscribe, as stock, all the unsold lands in the Winnewemac land district to the Lake Michigan, Logansport, and Ohio Railroad Company: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Lumpkin: The memorial of William Hardin, of the State of Georgia, praying indemnification for expenses incurred and moneys paid while acting as enrolling agent for the United States, among the Cherokee Indians: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then, on motion of Mr. Haskell, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1848.

Mr. Albert G. Brown, a member elect from the State of Mississippi, appeared, was sworn to support the constitution of the United States, and took his seat.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (No. 14) entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to grant a register to the barque Sarah and Eliza," and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Mr. Cocke moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to move that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the joint resolution (No. 5) authorizing the Commissioner of Pensions to employ, temporarily, an additional number of clerks in his office.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Cocke accordingly submitted his said motion; which was agreed to by the House; and thereupon,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said joint resolution, (No. 5:) when

Mr. Cocke moved to amend the same, by striking out all after the word "require;"

And, after debate,

Mr. McKay moved that the further consideration of the said joint resolution be postponed until Monday next; which motion was agreed to by the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a joint resolution (No. 2) authorizing the erection, on the public grounds in the city of Washington, of a monument to George Washington; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 91) entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to reorganize the General Land Office,'" approved July 4, 1836.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committe on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States a bill (No. 14) entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to grant a register to the barque Sarah and Eliza."

Mr. Boyd offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the annual message of the President of the United States shall cease at 3 o'clock this day, if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same; and the committee shall then proceed to act on the same, and shall then report it to the House, with such proceedings as may have been agreed to by the committee.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Vinton moved to amend the same, by striking out all after the word "*resolved*," and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"That unless sooner brought to a conclusion, debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, on the President's message, shall cease at 2 o'clock, p. m., on Wednesday next, when the committee shall proceed to vote on the pending questions of reference, and on such amendments as may be offered thereto."

And, the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Cobb, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the annual message of the President of the United States, had come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Dunn: The petition of Maria Doly, of Morgan county, in the State of Indiana, praying that the arrearage of pay due her late son, Alexander Bowls, deceased, for his services in the United States army, at his death, be paid to her, without requiring administration on his estate.

By Mr. Lincoln: The petition of John Dawson, praying remuneration for his services as acting pension agent in the State of Illinois for over three years, during the administration of John Tyler.

By Mr. Goggin: The petition of William T. Holland, clerk to Gorham Parks, United States consul at Rio de Janeiro, praying compensation and an allowance for his expenses in attending as a witness to give evidence in a case of slave trading on board the whaling barque "Fame," of New London.

By Mr. Harmanson: The memorial of William Darby, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying compensation for the use of his labor and maps in settling the boundary line on the Sabine between France and the United States.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of Almedeus Scott, of Lucas county, in the State of Ohio, praying for relief in relation to the title of certain land.

By Mr. Ligon: Additional papers in the case of Manuel X. Harmony.

By Mr. Mead: The petition of G. De Lirac, of the city and State of New York, praying for relief in relation to debenture on certain goods exported by him to Canada.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of Richard Mackall—heretofore presented December 13, 1837.

By Mr. Robert W. Thompson: The memorial of William L. Shields, praying compensation for services as assistant surgeon to the army in Mexico.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. McDowell: The memorial of C. H. McCormick, of Rockbridge county, in the State of Virginia, praying for an extension of a patent right for a self-sharpening horizontal plough:" which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Daniel Duncan: The petition of Levi Nichols—heretofore presented February 5, 1845.

By Mr. Mullin: The petition of John Stanton, heir-at-law of Lieutenant Enoch Stanton, deceased, late a revolutionary soldier, praying for the back pay the said Stanton was entitled to, and compensation for losses sustained during the revolutionary war.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Putnam: The memorial of citizens of Skaneateles, in the State of New York, praying for a law to prohibit the buying and selling human beings in the District of Columbia: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Gayle: The memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama, praying for the establishment of a foundry and armory at the city of Tuscaloosa, in said State.

By Mr. Palfrey: The memorial of the mayor and council of Charlestown, in the State of Massachusetts, in behalf of Jacob Foss, praying reimbursement of moueys advanced by the said Foss for the supply of a company of volunteers raised in Charlestown to serve in Mexico.

By Mr. Barrow: The petition of privates in the first regiment of Tennessee volunteers, praying for an alteration in the laws relative to "bounty land warrants," so that said warrants may be receivable at the land offices.

By Mr. McIlvaine: The memorial of citizens of Chester county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that Congress adopt measures for an early peace with Mexico by the withdrawal of the troops, the restoration of the conquered provinces, and the appointment of commissioners to adjust the existing difficulties between the two republics.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. McDowell: The petition of Thomas Green, a commissioner of the State of Virginia, praying for an act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Maclay: The memorial of Hezekiah L. Thistle—heretofore presented March 4, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Tuck: The memorial of citizens of Meredith, in the State of New Hampshire, praying for an immediate repeal of all laws enacted by Congress in support of slavery in the District of Columbia, and for making adequate compensation to those who may lose by such repeal.

By Mr. Sawyer: The memorial of citizens of Mercer county, in the State of Ohio, praying that all volunteer privates in the present war with Mexico may be entitled to bounty land, whether promoted o not;

Also, the petition of citizens of Lucas county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the purchase of Mount Vernon by the government of the United States.

*Ordered*, That said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Tuck: The petition of citizens of Newcastle and Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, praying that the duties on fish be made specific, and at the rates provided in the tariff of 1842.

By Mr. Mullin: The memorial of citizens of Jefferson county, in the State of New York, praying that Canadian wheat, admitted into the United States to be manufactured, may be subject to bond and drawback duties, to be discharged when exported as flour.

By Mr. Donnell: The petition of Elijah H. Willis, of Plymouth, in the State of North Carolina, praying remuneration for his services as temporary inspector of the customs in North Carolina.

By Mr. Brady: The petition of citizens of Franklin county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the repeal of so much of the act of March 3, 1847, as imposes postage on newspapers circulating within thirty miles of the office of publication.

By Mr. Crowell: The memorial of citizens of Summit county, in the State of Ohio, praying for an immediate and proportionate reduction of postage on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches;

By Mr. Wick: A memorial of similar import, from citizens of Shelby county, in the State of Indiana;

By Mr. James B. Thompson: A memorial of similar import, from citizens of Anderson county, in the State of Kentucky.

By Mr. Mullin: The petition of citizens of Jefferson county, in the State of New York, praying for an amendment of the law regulating the compensation of deputy postmasters.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of citizens of Columbiana county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a daily mail route from Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, to Mansfield, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Sycamore, in DeKalb county, to Mount Morris, in said State.

By Mr. Eckert: The memorial of citizens of Tremont, in Schuylkill county, and State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Pottsville to Tremont.

By Mr. Schenck: The memorial of citizens of Preble county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Hamilton, in Butler county, to Richmond, in the State of Indiana.

By Mr. Wick: Two petitions of citizens of Tipton and Hamilton counties, in the State of Indiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Strawtown to Tipton.

By Mr. Sawyer: The memorial of citizens of Hardin and Allen counties, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Kenton to Roundhead.

By Mr. Dunn: The petition of citizens of Putnam, Owen, Mon-

roe, and Lawrence counties, in the State of Indiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Putnamsville, in the county of Putnam, to Springville, in Lawrence county, in said State.

By Mr. Strohm: The petition of citizens of Lancaster county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Penningtonville, in Chester county, to Buck, in Lancaster county, in said State.

By Mr. Dickinson: The petition of citizens of Wyandotte county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a reduction of postage on juvenile newspapers of small dimensions, and all others not containing more than five hundred square inches.

*Ordered*, That said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of John Conger—heretofore presented February 8, 1847.

By Mr. Gayle: The memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama, praying for a reduction of the price of the public lands in that State which have been offered for sale and remain unsold.

By Mr. Wick: The petition of citizens of the Miami reserve, in the State of Indiana, praying for a reduction in the minimum price of the public lands in said reserve, from two dollars to one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre.

By Mr. Sawyer: The petition of citizens of Ravenna, in the State of Ohio, praying that the public lands be laid out in farms and lots, for the free use of such citizens, not possessed of other land, as will occupy them; and that the jurisdiction of them be transferred to the States and Territories, only on condition that such a disposition be made of them.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing memorial and petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Dickinson: The petition of citizens of Seneca county, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to carry into effect the provision of the treaty of Brownstown, and the acts of Congress in relation to it, for a road from Lower Sandusky southwardly.

By Mr. Hill: The preamble and resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, praying their Senators and Representatives in Congress to give their attention and support to A. Whitney's plan of a railroad to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The petition of H. Brunot, administrator of Elizabeth Kreider Brunot, widow of Felix Brunot, deceased—heretofore presented February 11, 1843.

By Mr. Rose: The petition of Sally Ketchum—heretofore presented March 13, 1846.

By Mr. James Thompson: The petition of John Morrison, and citizens of Venango county, in the State of Pennsylvania, in his behalf, praying a pension, in consideration of his services in the army of the United States.

By Mr. James B. Thompson: The petition of Sarah Miles—heretofore presented December 15, 1845.

By Mr. Tuck: The petition of Mehetable Marble, of Deerfield, in the State of New Hampshire, praying a pension, in consideration of the services, in the revolutionary war, of her late husband, Samuel Marble, deceased.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Palfrey: The petition of Philip B. Holmes and William Pedrick—heretofore presented December 9, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Tuck: The memorial of citizens of Somersworth, in the State of New Hampshire, praying Congress to use all constitutional means for bringing the present war with Mexico to an immediate close.

By Mr. Nathan Evans: The memorial of citizens of Muskingum county, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to take such measures as will put an end to the war with Mexico; and that our government make proposals of terms of peace to Mexico, just and honorable; and that as our soldiers have exhibted worthy examples of valor, may our government exhibit an example of generosity and moderation.

By Mr. Nes: The memorial of citizens of Adams county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that a speedy termination be put to the war with Mexico.

*Ordered*, That said memorials be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. John W. Houston: The petition of Matthew Macleur, of Newark, in the State of Delaware, praying for a pension in consideration of disabilities incurred in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Jacob Thompson: The petition of Eliza A. Mellon, widow of the late Captain Charles Mellon, deceased, of the United States army, praying for a continuance of her pension.

By Mr. John W. Houston: The petition of William Butler, of the city of Wilmington, in the State of Delaware, praying for a pension in consideration of wounds and disabilities incurred in the service of the United States by an explosion of the magazine of the steam frigate Fulton.

By Mr. Wiley: The petition of John Campbell, praying for arrearage of pension, for his services in the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of Stephen G. Hogan, of the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying for a pension in consideration of his services, and on account of the loss of his health, in the service of the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1848.

By general consent,

Mr. James Thompson offered the following preamble and resolution; which were read, and the said resolution was considered and agreed to, viz:

Whereas the great loss of life on the lakes and western waters by means of fire, explosions, and collisions of steamers and vessels within the last five years, but too clearly indicates either the insufficiency of the laws in regard to the inspection of *boilers and hulls*, or that they are not faithfully executed: therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency and necessity of any additional legislation or new regulations on the subject of the inspection of boilers, hulls, rigging, finding, &c., and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Inge presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alabama, relating to the establishment of a foundry and armory in said State: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. McClelland,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary for the better security of the lives and passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam; whether the provisions of the acts now in force, relating to the same subject, are not defective and in most cases disregarded, especially those requiring the inspection of boilers, signal lights, and long boats and yawls on the great northern lakes; and whether the penalties imposed for an infraction thereof, the manner of enforcing them, the method of appointing the inspectors, their number and mode of compensation, do not render these acts inoperative.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alabama, relating to the reduction and graduation of the price of public lands: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

The Speaker proceeded to call the committees for reports: when

Mr. Grinnell, from the Committee on Commerce, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 105. A bill supplementary to an act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen, and for other purposes;

No. 106. A bill for the relief of the Red River Railroad Company; accompanied by a report in the first mentioned case: which bills were read a first and second time, and the bill No. 105 was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and the said bill No. 106 was committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow; and the said bills and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 91. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to reorganize the General Land Office," approved July 4, 1836;

S. No. 5. An act concerning certain collection districts, and for other purposes;

S. No. 38. An act to provide clothing for volunteers in the service of the United States;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Mr. Vinton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 107. A bill making appropriations for the support of the military academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1849;

No. 108. A bill making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensioners of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1849: which bills were severally read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Daniel, from the Committee of Claims, made a report upon the case of Stalker & Hill, accompanied by a bill (No. 109) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, reported a bill (No. 110) for the relief of Reuben Perry and Thomas P. Ligon, accompanied by a report: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of the administrators of Samuel Holgate: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 111. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Gerard;

No. 112. A bill making provision for the widows and children of officers and soldiers of the army of the United States who have died or may die while in the service, or after their discharge, on account of sickness or a wound incurred while in the service;

accompanied by a report in the first mentioned case: which bills were read a first and second time, and committed (No. 111) to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and No. 112 to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the said bills and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hunt, from the Committee on Commerce, made a report upon the petition of the owners of the Spanish brig Restaurador, accompanied by a bill (No. 113) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hunt, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 114) to

re-establish the collection district of Brunswick, in the State of Georgia: which was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the consideration of the resolution of the House of the 3d instant as to the expediency of relieving coasting vessels from an annual license; and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the resolution of the House of the 3d instant, reported a bill (No. 115) to amend the first section of an act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels: which was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the petition of Ferdinand N. Clark, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table.

Mr. Putnam, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of James Chapman, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Collamer,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the petition of George Maguire, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Collamer,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the "bill providing for the final settlement of certain confirmed claims in Louisiana, and for other purposes," and that the same be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred House bill No. 81, "further to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office," reported an amendatory bill.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and printed.

Mr. Garnett Duncan, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Benjamin White, made a report, accompanied by a bill (No. 116) "for the benefit of Benjamin White:" which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and said bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garnett Duncan, from the same Committee, made an adverse report on the petition of the heirs of James Dossett;

Also, on the petition of Edward Keating, mayor of Alton;

Also, on the petition of the Legislature of Missouri, concerning the landing at Potosi:

which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Embree,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads

be discharged from the consideration of joint resolution No. 2, "to amend an act entitled 'An act to establish certain post routes, and for other purposes,'" and that the same be laid upon the table.

Mr. McDowell, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to which was referred the memorial of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, made a report, accompanied by a bill (No. 117) "giving the assent of the United States to an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the December session, 1844, chapter 287:" which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and said bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. George W. Jones, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 28) entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Rhodes," reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing adverse to the passage of the bill:

*Ordered*, That the said bill be laid upon the table, and that the report be printed.

On motion of Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of the House of the 17th instant, relative to the payment to the heirs of the officers and soldiers killed in battle the amount of all treasury notes, other property, or money, and that it be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Rumsey,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the General Assembly of Missouri, on the subject of the unsettled French and Spanish grants of land in Missouri, and that such memorial be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Rumsey, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report upon the petition of Lewis Benedict, accompanied by a bill (No. 118) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harmanson, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report upon the petition of Anthony Bessie, accompanied by a bill (No. 119) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Barringer,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of George F. and Henry Bloom, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Robert W. Johnson, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made a report upon the petition of John and Daniel Miller, assignees of *Joseph Perry*, *a Choctaw Indian*, accompanied by a bill (No. 120) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the

order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Botts,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of the House of the 17th instant, relative to furnishing the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of volunteers with clothing in kind, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred bill H. R. No. 15, for the settlement of the claims of New Hampshire against the United States, reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing:

*Ordered*, That it be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. Stanton, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report upon the petition of G. F. De La Roche and W. P. S. Sanger, accompanied by a bill (No. 121) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 29) entitled "An act providing for the appointment of assistant pursers in the navy," reported the same with an amendment:

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and be printed.

Mr. Caleb B. Smith, from the Committee on Territories, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 49) entitled "An act for the relief of W. B. Slaughter, late Secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin," reported the same with an amendment, accompanied by a report in writing:

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. Cocke, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made a report upon the petition of Jonathan Moore, of the State of Massachusetts, accompanied by a bill (No. 122) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cocke, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made a report upon the petition of Robert Ellis, accompanied by a bill (No. 123) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cocke, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Jedediah Morse: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Donnell, from the same committee, made an adverse report

upon the several petitions of Esther Alexander, Isabel Bugbee, Marcy Bemis, Phebe Cobb, Martha Chapman, Mary Chase, Abigail Coburn, Mary Howard, Charity Harlow, Susannah Knight, Submit Roberts, Sarah Stickney, Marcy Wood, and Anna Watson: which was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Freedley,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Iowa for an extension of the provisions of the act of 27th July, 1842, for satisfying claims for bounty lands for military services in the last war with Great Britain, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Freedley, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made adverse reports upon the petitions of George Taylor and Marshall Gentry: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Freedley, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Catharine Fulton, widow of Samuel Fulton, accompanied by a bill (No. 124) for her relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Strong, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 125. A bill for the relief of Zilpha White;

No. 126. A bill for the relief of Anna Farrington;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Strong, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Ann Pearsey: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wiley, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made a report upon the petition of Hugh Riddle, accompanied by a bill (No. 127) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made a report upon the petition of Thomas Badger, accompanied by a bill (No. 128) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of William Sparks: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kennon, from the Committee on Accounts, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to pay Mrs.

Ellen S. Bradley, widow of the honorable Edward Bradley, late of Michigan, deceased, his mileage, as allowed by the Committee on Mileage, from Marshall, his place of residence in Michigan, to New York city, where, on his journey to Washington, to take his seat as a member of this House, he died.

Mr. Caleb B. Smith, from the select Committee on Rules and Orders, reported the following amendment to the rules and orders of the House, viz:

Insert in the 133d rule, after the word "committee," where it last occurs in the last clause of the said rule, the following words: "*of the Whole House and the Committee of the Whole House on the the state of the Union.*"

The said amendment was read;

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Elias B. Holmes, by general consent, presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York, in favor of a repeal of the law of the last session of Congress imposing postage on newspapers: which resolutions were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Taylor: The petition of citizens of Pike county, in the State of Ohio, praying for an immediate and proportionate reduction on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches;

Also, a petition of similar import, from citizens of Jackson county, in the State of Ohio;

By Mr. Gaines: A petition of similar import, from citizens of Kenton county, in the State of Kentucky;

By Mr. Richard W. Thompson: A petition of similar import, from citizens of Montgomery county, in the State of Indiana;

By Mr. Edwards: A petition of similar import, from citizens of Fayette county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Lincoln: The memorial of citizens of Scott county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, to Jacksonville, in the State of Illinois.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. John Quincy Adams: The petition of David Wilkinson, of Cohoes, in the State of New York, praying remuneration for the invention and use, by the United States, of a valuable machine, known as the "guague lathe;"

Also, the petition of John Buttrick and forty-three other citizens of Lowell, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the repeal of the act renewing and extending a patent right to William Woodworth, in consequence of its having been obtained by fraud.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Nathan Evans: The petition of Jacob Straw, Keziah

Straw, John Howard, and Jane Howard, of the State of Ohio, heirs of William Marshall, deceased, praying for the bounty land the said deceased was entitled to, for his services in the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Maclay: The memorial of William B. Hart, assignee and attorney of Alexander Anderson and others, contractors for emigrating the Choctaw Indians, praying for an act authorizing the proper accounting officers to pay him the contract price *per capita* for two hundred and sixty-two Indians emigrated: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Thomas: The memorial of citizens of the State of Tennessee, praying that a monument be erected to the memory of Meriwether Lewis, deceased, in consideration of his great public services.

By Mr. John Quincy Adams: The memorial of Daniel C. Nichols, and fifty-nine other citizens of Poughkeepsie, in the State of New York, praying that newspapers be permitted to circulate in the mail free of postage, in the counties and within thirty miles of the places of their publication: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads;

Also, the memorial of citizens of Harwick, in the State of Massachusetts, praying Congress to use all their constitutional powers to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Nelson: The petition of John D. Grote—heretofore presented April 1, 1846.

By Mr. Richard W. Thompson: The memorial of Jeremiah Rushton, of Morgan county, in the State of Indiana, praying remuneration for moneys paid by him for government land, which had been entered previously.

By Mr. Embree: The petition of James Monroe—heretofore presented April 24, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Charles E. Stuart: The petition of A. C. Van Raalte, and other citizens of Allegan and Ottawa counties, in the State of Michigan, praying for an appropriation of twenty thousand dollars, for the erection of a pier at the mouth of Black river, in Ottawa county.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of Ignatius Pierce, for bounty on fishing schooner Fortune—heretofore presented January 6, 1846;

Also, the petition of Joseph Baker and others, for bounty on fishing schooner Union, of Dennis—heretofore presented December 13, 1844;

Also, the petition of Levi Eldridge and others, for bounty on fishing schooner Harriet—heretofore presented December 13, 1844;

Also, the petition of Daniel Grant and others, for bounty on fishing schooner James and Henry—heretofore presented December 19, 1844;

Also, the petition of Elisha Luce, for bounty on fishing schooner Dove—heretofore presented December 15, 1845;

Also, the petition of Joshua Knowles, jr., and others, for bounty on fishing schooner Garnet—heretofore presented December 13, 1844;

Also, the petition of Zacheus Knowles and others—heretofore presented December 13, 1844;

Also, the petition of Joseph P. Nourse—heretofore presented February 11, 1846;

Also, the petition of Moses Noble, for bounty on the fishing schooner Ruth—heretofore presented January 7, 1845.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. William T. Lawrence: The petition of Hervey Jones, of Elmira, in Chemung county, and State of New York, praying for a pension, in consideration of disabilities incurred, by hardships and exposure, during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. John Quincy Adams: Six memorials of inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, praying Congress to take measures for effecting such change in the Constitution and laws as shall abolish slavery throughout the Union, in a manner that may be most consistent with justice and the rights and interests of every section of the country;

Also, the petition of eighty-eight citizens of Cattaraugus county, in the State of New York, praying Congress to take into consideration the unconstitutionality of slavery, and to make provisions whereby persons claimed as property may have the writ of "habeas corpus" granted them;

Also, the petition of Seneca Dwinel, of Millbury, in the State of Massachusetts, praying Congress to request of President Polk to lay before them a certain letter; and, also, that the said letter be published;

Also, the petition of A. R. Brown and other citizens of Lowell, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for a modification of the seventeenth section of the act of July 4, 1836, in relation to injunctions.

By Mr. Crowell: The memorial of M. Sutliff, of Warren and Trumbell counties, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to express an opinion on its constitutional power over the institution of slavery.

*Ordered*, That said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The memorial of Christian Hansen, of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, praying Congress to authorize a contract to be made with him for the transportion of the United States mail from the city of New York to Glucstadt, in Denmark: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. John Quincy Adams: The petition of H. W. Dobbin, late colonel commandant New York volunteers, of Geneva, in the State of New York, praying for arrearage of pensions for his services in the late war with Great Britain.

Also, the petition of Dorcas Lindenburger and five other widows of revolutionary soldiers of Delaware county, in the State of Ohio, praying for extension of pension laws;

Also, the petition of Washington Lamb and four other officers of the revolution, of Brookfield, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for an increase in the amount of their pensions.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. J. E. Holmes: The memorial of John Strohecker, in behalf of himself and others, praying for indemnity for the insurance paid on the schooner Enterprise.

By Mr. John Quincy Adams: The petition of citizens of Jerusalem, in the State of New York, praying an immediate termination be put to the war with Mexico;

Also, the petition of George Cope, secretary of the "Ohio yearly meeting of Friends," held at Salem, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to use the powers invested in it to put a termination to the Mexican war;

Also, the petition of citizens of Harwick, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that Congress use all constitutional means for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico by withdrawing our troops from their territory;

Also, a similar petition from Origen Bachelor, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts;

Also, a petition of similar import from citizens of the United States;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Ottawa county, in the State of Michigan.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did yesterday approve and sign a bill (No. 14) entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to grant a register to the barque Sarah and Eliza."

On motion of Mr. Sims, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the annual message of the President of the United States, had come to no resolution thereon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill (No. 105) entitled "An act to provide additional quarters near to New Orleans for United States soldiers and volunteers returning from, or going to the seat of war in Mexico;" in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills,

reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 96. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to reorganize the General Land Office," approved July 4, 1836.

S. No. 5. An act concerning certain collection districts, and for other purposes.

S. No. 38. An act to provide clothing for volunteers in the service of the United States.

Mr. Donnell moved that the vote of the House on Monday last agreeing to the resolution to close debate at 2 o'clock this day, in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union upon the annual message of the President of the United States, be reconsidered.

And pending the question upon the said motion,

On motion of Mr. Crozier, the House, at 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock meridian.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1848.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the motion, made yesterday by Mr. Donnell, to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution for closing debate upon the annual message of the President of the United States, in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, at 2 o'clock this day.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

Mr. Boyd moved that there be a call of the House.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 71 / Nays ..... 119

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Isaac E. Holmes
Mr. George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
James H. Johnson
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
R. Barnwell Rhett
Mr. William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Robert A. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
James A. Black
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
Jasper E. Brady
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans

Mr. Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Richard K. Meade

Mr. Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

So a call of the House was refused.

The question was then put on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Cobb,

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 98 / Nays ..... 100 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart

Mr. Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
Joshua R. Giddings
James S. Green

Mr. Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson

Mr. James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Samuel W. Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Mr. Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Mr. Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Robert A. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are;

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Mr. John Freedley
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

The question was then put on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Donnell that the said vote be reconsidered.

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 102 / Nays ..... 96

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Mr. Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Mr. Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell

Mr. John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
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William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Mr. Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
Mr. William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Elhakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
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Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

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Charles W. Cathcart
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Mr. David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
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Jonathan D. Morris
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Henry Nicoll
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Timothy Pillsbury
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James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot.

The said vote being reconsidered,

The question recurred on agreeing to the said resolution; and being stated,

Mr. Elias B. Holmes moved that it be laid upon the table.
And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 104 / Nays ..... 95

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
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William Henry
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Washington Hunt
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George P. Marsh
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Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
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Mr. William A. Newall
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William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
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Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
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Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Peter H. Sylvester
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
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George Fries
Richard French
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James J. McKay
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Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
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Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
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Mr. Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
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William Rockhill
Mr. William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
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Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Mr. Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot.

By general consent, the Speaker proceeded to lay before the House the communications and other papers on his table, as follows:

I. A message from the President of the United States, heretofore received, in the following terms:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I herewith transmit the annual report of the inspectors of the penitentiary for the District of Columbia, made in compliance with the act of the 3d March, 1829.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *January* 18, 1848.

*Ordered*, That the said message be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and printed.

II. A letter from the acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a communication from the superintendent of the light-house establishment in relation to proceedings under the act of the 3d of March last authorizing the erection of certain light-houses, and for other purposes.

*Ordered*, That the said letter and communication be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

III. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, with a statement of persons employed in the Indian department during the year 1847; prepared pursuant to the 13th section of the act of June 30, 1834.

*Ordered*, That the said letter and report be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

IV. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual report of the officer charged with the superintendence of the revenue marine service: which letter and report were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

V. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in compliance with the acts of April 21, 1808, and March 3, 1809, a statement of contracts made under the authority of that department during the year 1847.

*Ordered*, That the said letter and statement be referred to the Committee on the Expenditures in the War Department.

VI. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, pursuant to the acts of April 20, 1818, and August 26, 1842, and the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 13th of January, 1846, statements containing the names of the clerks and other persons employed in the several bureaux of that department during the year 1847.

*Ordered*, That the said letter and statement be laid upon the table.

VII. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in compliance with the resolution of the House of the 17th instant, copies of reports of such military commanders serving in the army in Mexico as have been received since the transmission of his annual report to Congress.

*Ordered*, That the said letter and reports be laid upon the table.

VIII. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a report showing the names of persons who have applied for relief under the navy pension laws, and whose claims have been rejected, and the reasons for the rejection of the same.

*Ordered*, That the said letter and report be laid upon the table.

IX. A letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting, pursuant to the resolution of the House of the 17th instant, a report of such measures as are rendered necessary by the present state of our foreign mail service.

Mr. Goggin moved that the said letter and report be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Nicoll moved that they be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

And the question being put, *first*, on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Goggin,

It was decided in the affirmative.

X. A letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting, in obedience to the 11th section of the act of 26th August, 1842, a list of clerks and other persons employed in that department during the year ending December 31, 1847; with a statement that their services are necessary in that department, and that they have been usefully employed during the year aforesaid.

*Ordered*, That the said letter and list be referred to the Committee on the Expenditures in the Post Office Department.

XI. A letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting, in obedience to a resolution of the House, a copy of a letter from that department to the Postmaster at Mobile, in relation to the postage to be charged on letters carried in steamboats not in the employ of the government.

*Ordered*, That the said letters be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

*Ordered*, That the said several letters, reports, and statements be printed.

Bills from the Senate, of the following titles, viz:

No. 89. An act to make attachments which are made under process issuing from the courts of the United States conform to the laws regulating such attachments in the courts of the United States;

No. 105. An act to provide additional quarters, near to New Orleans, for United States soldiers and volunteers returned from or going to the seat of war in Mexico;

were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 89. To the Committee on the Judiciary;

No. 105. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill and a resolution of the Senate, of the following titles, viz:

No. 54. An act exempting vessels employed by the American Colonization Society in transporting colored emigrants from the United States to the coast of Africa from the provisions of the acts of the 22d of February and the 2d of March, 1847, regulating the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels;

No. 2. A resolution authorizing the erection, on the public grounds in the city of Washington, of a monument to George Washington;

were severally read a first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The said bill and resolution were accordingly read a third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Vinton the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll reported that the Committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under their consideration, particularly the annual message of the President of the United States, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Andrew Johnson gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to increase the pension of Henry Click, an invalid pensioner.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Rose: The memorial of citizens of Waterloo, in Seneca county and State of New York, calling the attention of Congress to the potato disease, and praying that it take the proper measures to obtain the seed of the potato from the parent plant in the place of its nativity, for the purpose of restoring it to its pristine health and usefulness;

Also, the memorial of the professors and students of the medical college at Geneva, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said memorials be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. J. R. Ingersoll: The petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Curtis and Peter Grub—heretofore presented January 27, 1846: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Pendleton: The petition of the heirs of James Conway—heretofore presented January 14, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of J. B. Chapman, of the State of Indiana, praying Congress to pass an act authorizing the Secretary of War to issue a certificate for the amount of his claim against the Chippewa and other Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Chapman: The memorial of a committee of the Washington building association of the city of Washington, praying for the

passage of an act of incorporation for said association: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. John Quincy Adams: The petition of John Knight—heretofore presented May 30, 1846.

By Mr. McLane: The petition of Wilfred Knot—heretofore presented December 9, 1845;

Also, the petition of Levi Collmus, of the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland—heretofore presented January 6, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. G. S. Houston: The petition of Farley D. Thompson and others, sureties of Chilson White—heretofore presented December 15, 1845.

By Mr. Goggin: The petition of Edwin Porter, of the State of Virginia, praying Congress to pass an act authorizing the Attorney General of the United States to examine his claim for mail services, and make an award upon the principles of justice and equity; to be paid from the appropriation for mail transportation for the year ending 30th June, 1849.

By Mr. Schenck: The petition of citizens of New Castine, in Dark county, and State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Greenville, by the way of New Castine, to Eaton, in said State.

By Mr. Sawyer: The petition of citizens of St. Joseph's, in Williams county, and State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a weekly mail route from Lima, in the State of Indiana, to Defiance, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. A. G. Brown: The petition of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Raleigh to Ellesville.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: Additional papers in the case of Manuel X. Harmony.

By Mr. Brodhead: The petition of Erskin Hazard, executor of Ebenezer Hazard, deceased, of the city of Philadelphia, praying that a balance due his late father, formerly a postmaster in the city of Philadelphia, be paid to him.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Schenck: The petition of John Ozias—heretofore presented March 9, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The memorial of merchants, owners, and masters of vessels of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that a suitable ice harbor may be constructed at Delaware city, in the river Delaware.

By Mr. Albert G. Brown: The memorial of citizens of the State of Mississippi, praying for the establishment of a marine hospital at Natchez, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Kennon: The petition of citizens of the county of Monroe, and State of Ohio, praying Congress to grant a suitable quantity of land, free of charge, to actual settlers not possessed of other lands; and that the government shall no longer traffic in the public lands.

By Mr. Albert G. Brown: The petition of Luke Lea and David Shelton, of the State of Mississippi, praying for a grant of pine land in the southern part of said State for the purpose of making the experiment of manufacturing turpentine.

By Mr. Rockhill: The petition of citizens of the State of Indiana, praying for Congress to pass an act granting a pre-emption of eighty acres of any land of the United States that has been offered at public sale and remains unsold, to the head of any family of the late sufferers in Ireland, which suffering was caused by the late famine in that country.

By Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb: The petition of John Potter, of De Kalb county, in the State of Alabama, praying Congress to pass an act authorizing the correction of an error in the entry of certain land.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Slingerland: The petition of H. W. Dobbin, of Geneva, in the State of New York, and of the general officers under whom he served in the late war with Great Britain, praying Congress to grant him a pension in consideration of services rendered during said war;

Also, the petition of Daniel Palmer, of the State of New York, praying for the renewal of his pension in consideration of wounds and disabilities incurred in the late war with Great Britain; and, also, bounty land for his services in the Mexican war.

By Mr. McLane: The petition of Samuel T. Anderson—heretofore presented December 11, 1845.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Crowell: The memorial of citizens of Warren and Trumbull counties, in the State of Ohio, protesting against more slave territory, and praying for peace with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Wilson: The memorial of citizens of the northern peninsula of Michigan, praying for an appropriation to construct a road from Green Bay to Copper harbor: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

And then, on motion of Mr. Andrew Johnson, the House, at 4 o'clock and five minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1848.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, made a report upon the petition of Archibald Bull and Lemuel S. Finch,

accompanied by a bill (No. 129) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of B. O. Tayloe, made a report, accompanied by a bill (No. 130) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 131. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of David Gardner, of Southborough, Massachusetts;

No. 132. A bill for the relief of Medford Caffey, accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rockwell, from the same Committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of William Darby: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of William G. Davis and wife, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, to which was recommitted, on the 12th day of January, instant, the resolution reported from the Committee of Claims, providing for a list of all private claims which have been before the House of Representatives from the commencement of the 14th Congress to the close of the 29th Congress, with the proceedings of the House thereon, reported the same with two amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said resolution; when

Mr. Robert Smith moved that it be referred to the Committee on Accounts, with instructions "to call Mr. Simon Brown and Mr. James Young before them, with a view to ascertain and report to this House the probable cost of the work contemplated."

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the resolution be laid upon the table: which motion was disagreed to.

The question recurred on the motion of Mr. Robert Smith, to recommit with instructions.

And, after debate, Mr. Alexander Evans moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and stated, viz: "Will the House agree to the first of the said amendments reported from the Committee of Claims?" which was read as follows: strike out the words "suitable person," where it occurs in the said resolution, and insert in lieu thereof the words "James Young, of the city of Washington."

Mr. Howell Cobb again moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 86 / Nays ..... 96

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Asa W. H. Clapp
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
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Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Mr. Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
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Frederick W. Lord
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James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
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John K. Miller
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Henry Nicoll
Mr. Chalres H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Mr. Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Mr. Andrew Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John

Mr. Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Mr. Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Amos Tuck
Mr. John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
David Wilmot
James Wilson.

The question was then put, "Will the House agree to the said first amendment reported from the Committee of Claims?"

And decided in the affirmative.

The question was then put, "Will the House agree to the remaining amendment reported from the Committee of Claims?" which was read as follows, viz: add at the end thereof the following "*and that the Clerk of the House furnish such aid, by the clerks in his office, as may not be inconsistent with the discharge of their ordinary duties,*"

And decided in the affirmative.

The question was then put, "Will the House agree to the said resolution as amended?"

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 97 / Nays ..... 89

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
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John W. Farrelly
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Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
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George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Mr. Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
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Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
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Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
David Wilmot
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Mr. Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Mr. Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin

Mr. Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
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Charles W. Cathcart
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Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
John Gayle
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Mr. Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
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Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley.

And so it was

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House be directed to cause to be prepared an alphabetical list of private claims which have been before the House of Representatives from the commencement of the 14th Congress to the close of the 29th Congress, with the proceedings of the House of Representatives and Senate thereon, showing the names of the claimants; the nature or object of each claim; at what session and in what manner it was brought before the House; to what committee it was referred; the nature of the report, and the number of the report, if printed—and, if not, the date of the report; the number of the bills, distinguishing between Senate and House bills; the manner in which the claim was disposed of by the House; and, in cases where it passed both Houses, the date of the act of Congress: the whole to be compiled from the Journals of the House of Representatives, and by reference, when necessary, to the Journals of the Senate, the reports of committees, the bills of the two Houses, and the laws of the United States: and that the Clerk be authorized to employ James Young, of the city of Washington, with a compensation not exceeding the sum now paid the engrossing clerks of this House, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House; and that the Clerk of the House furnish such aid, by the clerks in his office, as may not be inconsistent with the discharge of their ordinary duties.

A message was received from the President of the United States by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did yesterday approve and sign the bill (No. 91) entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to reorganize the General Land Office,'" approved July 4, 1836.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills,

reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

No. 54. An act exempting vessels employed by the American Colonization Society in transporting colored emigrants from the United States to the coast of Africa from the provisions of the acts of the 22d February and 2d March, 1847, regulating the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels;

No. 2. A resolution authorizing the erection, on the public grounds in the city of Washington, of a monument to George Washington;

and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bill and resolution.

On motion of Mr. Caleb B. Smith the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the annual message of the President of the United States, had come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Garnett Duncan: The petition of Staunton W. Gaar, of Jefferson county, in the State of Kentucky, praying compensation for forage used and damages done to his premises by the 3d and 4th regiments of Kentucky foot in the autumn of 1847.

By Mr. Thomas: The petition of Thomas E. Thorp, of Giles county, in the State of Tennessee, praying compensation for a horse lost in the Mexican war;

Also, the petition of James C. Neeley, of Lewis county, and State of Tennessee, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, the petition of Caleb Neely, of Lewis county, in the State of Tennessee, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, the petition of James C. Cooper, of Lewis county, in the State of Tennessee, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, the petition of Albert G. Cooper, of Lewis county, in the State of Tennessee, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Farrelly: The petition of Jean Baptiste Granger—heretofore presented April 10, 1846.

By Mr. Morehead: The petition of James L. Hickman—heretofore presented December 15, 1846.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Garnett Duncan: The memorial of A. Drane, late a captain in the United States army, praying, that in consequence of having been unjustly and improperly discharged from the service by an order of the President, Congress investigate the affair, and legislate for his relief: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The memorial of Dr. Hartwell Carver and his associates, praying Congress to grant them a charter for a railroad from some point on Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean, with two different terminations on the Pacific, with a donation of land sufficient for the width of the road, stone, timber, and iron ore, and coal for constructing said road, from any lands now belonging or may hereafter belong to the government, before said road shall be completed: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and and Canals.

By Mr. Turner: The petition of Captain N. Wall and others, praying for an act to regulate and define the duties of officers and hands employed in the navigation of the western rivers.

By Mr. Bingham: The resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Michigan, and other papers, praying for an appropriation for the purpose of erecting a light-house and improving the harbor at the mouth of Clinton river.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Jenkins: The memorial of citizens of Madison county, in the State of New York, praying for a repeal of the law passed at the last session of Congress imposing upon transient newspapers prepayment of three cents postage, and taking from newspapers issuing from the office of publication the right of transmission in the mails free of postage for the distance of thirty miles.

By Mr. Lord: The memorial of citizens of Sag Harbor, in Suffolk county, and State of New York, praying for a proportionate reduction of postage on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Andrew Johnson: The petition of citizens of Shady Valley, in Johnson county, and State of Tennessee, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Taylorsville, in Johnson county, to Papersville, in Sullivan county.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The petition of L. L. Lightner and others, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Thompson's ferry to Cairo, in Alexander county, in the State of Illinois.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Bingham: The petition of Samuel Gregory—heretofore presented January 20, 1846.

By Mr. Hubbard: The petition of Henry Carrington, executor of Paulina Le Grand, who was formerly the widow of Captain Edmund Read, deceased—heretofore presented January 2, 1846.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of Hannah Wightman, formerly widow of John Hart, deceased, praying for a pension in consideration of the services of the said Hart during the war of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Truman Smith: The memorial of Peter Parker, of Canton, China, secretary of legation and Chinese interpreter, by Harvey Lindsly, praying an appropriation be made to make up the difference in his salary between that of secretary of legation and chargé des

affaires, from the death of A. H. Everett to the period when the recently appointed commissioner may arrive at Canton: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

And then, on motion of Mr. Root, the House, at five minutes past 4 o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## FRIDAY, January 28, 1848.

Mr. Daniel moved that the vote by which the House yesterday agreed to a resolution directing the Clerk of the House to cause to be prepared an alphabetical list of private claims which have been before the House of Representatives from the 14th Congress to the 29th Congress, and authorizing him to appoint James Young, of Washington city, to perform that labor, be reconsidered.

Mr. Daniel was proceeding to debate his said motion: when

Mr. John A. Rockwell raised the question of order, whether, the resolution having passed under the previous question, a motion to reconsider was debateable.

The Speaker stated that the previous question was exhausted on the passage of the resolution, and the debate was in order.

And, after debate,

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 89 / Nays ..... 87

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly

Mr. David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
William Nelson

Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clarke
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green
Mr. David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee
Mr. Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill (No. 85) entitled "An act to provide for the compensation of Samuel Leech for services in the investigation of suspended sales in the Mineral Point district, Wisconsin; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 26th instant, approve and sign bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 5. An act concerning certain collection districts, and for other purposes.

No. 38. An act to provide clothing for volunteers in the service of the United States.

They have passed the bill of the House (No. 18) entitled "An making further provisions for surviving widows and soldiers of the revolution."

They have passed a bill (No. 64) entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the account of Joseph Nourse, deceased;" in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. McClelland reported that the committee had had under consideration sundry private bills, and finding itself without a quorum, he had caused the roll of the House to be called, agreeably to the 126 rule; and he now reported the names of the absentees, to be entered on the Journal, as follows:

Messrs. Amos Abbott, Green Adams, Washington Barrow, Hiram Belcher, Ausburn Birdsall, Nathaniel Boydon, Richard Brodhead, Jasper E. Brady, William G. Brown, Aylett Buckner, Charles W. Cathcart, Lucien B. Chase, Thomas L. Clingman, Robert B. Cranston, John W. Crisfield, John H. Crozier, James Dixon, Daniel Duncan, Joseph E. Edsall, Nathan Evans, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, Willard P. Hall, Hugh A. Haralson, William T. Haskell, William Henry, Henry W. Hilliard, John M. Holley, John W. Houston, Samuel W. Inge, Charles J. Ingersoll, Alexander Irvin, Alfred Iverson, David S. Jackson, John Jamieson, Timothy Jenkins, James H. Johnson, Robert W. Johnson, David S. Kauffman, Orlando Kellogg, Samuel Lahm, Emile La Sère, Shepherd Leffler, Lewis C. Levin, John H. Lumpkin, William B. Maclay, John A. McClernand, James J. McKay, John K. Miller, Isaac E. Morse, Henry Nes, William A. Newall, John S. Pendleton, George Petrie, John Pettit, Timothy Pillsbury, Harvey Putnam, R. Barnwell Rhett, Gideon Reynolds, John L. Robinson, J. Dixon Roman, Robert C. Schenck, Eliakim Sherrill, Truman Smith, Peter H. Sylvester, James Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, Robert Toombs, Amos Tuck, John Wentworth.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. McClelland reported that the committee had had under consideration sundry bills, and directed him to report bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 27. A bill to provide additional examiners in the Patent office; and

No. 50. A bill giving further time for satisfying claims for bounty lands, and for other purposes;

with a recommendation that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the consideration of the said bills; and that they be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 12. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of James Brown, deceased;

No. 20. A bill for the relief of Edward Quinn;

No. 24. A bill for the relief of George Newton;

No. 26. A bill for the relief of Russell Goss;

No. 39. A bill for the relief of Alborne Allen;

severally without amendment, and recommend their passage.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bills: when it was

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the consideration of the said bills Nos. 27 and 50; and they were severally committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And the said bills Nos. 12, 20, 24, 26, and 39, were severally ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day; and

The bills being engrossed, were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

Mr. Stephens moved, at half past 2 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn: which motion was not agreed to:

On motion of Mr. Root, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the annual message of the President of the United States, had come to no resolution thereon.

By general consent,

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Duer asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 133) to alter the terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the northern district of New York, and for other purposes: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Nathan K. Hall,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary or Register of the Treasury shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to annex to the annual report of the Register of the Treasury on the commerce and navigation of the United States, the statement or report of the collector of customs of the commerce, tonnage, and business of the port or district of Buffalo creek, which was received at the Treasury Department on or about the 13th day of December last, and too late to be included in the said annual report of the Register of the Treasury; and that said statement or report of the said collector shall be printed with, and annexed to, the copies of said report of the Register of the Treasury, heretofore ordered to be printed for the use of this House.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. McClernand obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 134) to establish an armory at Fort Massac, in the State of Illinois: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, together with an act of the Legislature of the said State granting to the United States permission, and a location for said armory.

Mr. Slingerland gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill making appropriations to improve and remove the obstructions to the navigation of the Hudson river above and below the city of Albany, in the State of New York.

Mr. Bowlin gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills of the following titles, viz:

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam," approved July 9, 1838.

A bill to ascertain and fix the fees taxable in favor of the attorney of the United States for Missouri, for services rendered in the circuit court of the United States for the district of Missouri.

On motion of Mr. Sims,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the consideration of the bill (No. 11) "to authorize attachments

on mesne process in the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, and to provide more speedy and effectual legal remedies in the said District, and for other purposes," and that it be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll,

*Ordered*, That *usual number* of the *annual message* of the President of the United States, with the accompanying documents, be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved, at 2 o'clock and thirty-eight minutes, that the House adjourn: which motion was not agreed to.

The bill from the Senate (No. 85) entitled "An act to provide for the compensation of Samuel Leech, for services in the investigation of suspended sales in the Mineral Point district, Wisconsin," was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting, agreeably to the act of March 2, 1799, an abstract of the returns made by collectors, showing the number of seamen registered in each port of entry of the United States for the year ending the 30th of September, 1847: which letter and abstract were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

II. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in conformity with the 5th section of the act of March 3, 1809, a statement of the expenditure for the year 1847, from the appropriation for contingent expenses of the military establishment: which letter and statement were referred to the Committee on the Expenditures of the War Department.

*Ordered*, That the said letters, abstract, and statement, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the Senate's bill (No. 27) entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in certain cases, and for other purposes:'"

The question being on agreeing to the amendment reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, which is as follows, viz: strike out all after the word "*that*," at the end of the enacting clause, and insert the following:

"All and singular the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement, so far as may be, shall be, and they are hereby, made applicable to all cases which were pending in the supreme or other superior courts of and for the late Territory of Iowa, at the time the said Territory was admitted into the Union as a State, and to all cases in which judgments or decrees have been rendered in said supreme or superior court of the said late Territory of Iowa, and not hitherto removed as aforesaid, by writ of error or appeal.

"Section 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all and singular the provisions of the said act to which this is a supplement, so far as may be, shall be, and they hereby are, made applicable to all cases which may be pending in the supreme or other superior court of

and for any Territory of the United States, which may hereafter be admitted as a State into the Union, at the time of its admission; and to all cases in which judgments or decrees shall have been rendered in such supreme or superior court at the time of such admission, and not previously removed by writ of error or appeal;"

Mr. Hall moved to amend the amendment by inserting between the word "act," where it first occurs, and the words "to which," the words "entitled An act to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in certain cases, and for other purposes," approved February 22, 1847: which amendment to the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. William Thompson moved further to amend the amendment, by adding the following:

"*And be it further enacted*, That all cases, together with all process, records, orders, judgments, decrees, and proceedings, of federal character or jurisdiction, and not legally transferred to the State courts of the State of Iowa, pending prior to and at the time of the admission of the said State of Iowa into the Union, in the district or supreme courts of the said Territory of Iowa, are hereby transferred to the district court of the United States for the district of Iowa; and it shall be the duty of the respective clerks of the said courts of the said Territory of Iowa, or their successors in office, with whom the records and proceedings of said cases may be found, upon application by any person or persons interested therein, to make and certify a full and complete copy of the records thereof, and transmit the same, together with all the original process, pleadings, and other papers filed in such case or cases, and which may be removed without mutilating the records of said courts, to the clerk of the said district court of the United States; and when the said records, papers, and proceedings shall be thus certified to the said last mentioned court, its jurisdiction shall be deemed as full and complete as that of the court in which the said case originated had been prior to the said admission of the State of Iowa, or as if the said case had been originally instituted in said district court of the United States:"

which amendment to the amendment was agreed to; and the said amendment, reported from the Committee on the Judiciary as thus amended, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed and the bill read a third time to-day.

The amendment being engrossed, the bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Albert G. Brown: The resolution of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, praying reimbursement for moneys paid by said State on account of troops called into service under the requisition of Major General Gaines in the year 1836: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of Thaddeus Spalding, ex-

ecutor of the estate of John Hart, deceased—heretofore presented March 11, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The memorial of Mrs. P. Decatur Twiggs, widow of the late Major Twiggs, deceased, praying for Congress to make provision for her relief, in consideration of the services of her late husband and the death of himself and only son in the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Cocke: The petition of George J. Kirk, of Greene county, in the State of Tennessee, praying for a pension in consideration of his services, and wounds and disabilities incurred, in the army under General Wayne and in the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The memorial of Sarah V. Jones, widow of Alonzo Jones, deceased, praying for a renewal and continuance of her pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Gott: The memorial of ministers and laymen of the Unitarian denomination of Syracuse, in the State of New York, praying Congress to take the necessary steps for securing an immediate and permanent peace with Mexico, by withdrawing our troops and appointing commissioners to settle all difficulties between the two governments: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of citizens of Jefferson county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a reduction of postage on newspapers circulating in the counties and within thirty miles of the offices of publication;

Also, a petition of citizens of Columbiana county, in the State of Ohio, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Dickinson: The memorial of citizens of Crawford county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the same as the foregoing.

By Mr. Putnam: The memorial of inhabitants of Luzerne county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a reduction of postage on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Dickinson: The memorial of citizens of Sandusky county, in the State of Ohio, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Dunn: The memorial of citizens of the counties of Daviess, Martin, and Lawrence, in the State of Indiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Washington, in Daviess county, to Bedford, in Lawrence county, in said State.

By Mr. Botts: The memorial of citizens of Barry and Eaton counties, in the State of Michigan, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Hastings, in Barry county, to Michigan, in Ingham county, in said State.

By Mr. Willard P. Hall: The memorial of citizens of the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Kirkville, in Adair county, in said State, to Fort Des Moines, in Polk county, in the State of Iowa.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1848.

Mr. John A. Rockwell offered the following resolution; which was read as follows:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Mary Brown, widow of Jacob Brown, deceased, shall cease in ten minutes after it shall be again taken up in committee, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same,) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending, or offered to the same, and shall then lay it aside, to be reported to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

Mr. Nathan K. Hall moved that the resolution be laid upon the table; which motion was decided in the negative; and the said resolution was then agreed to.

Mr. Vinton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported bills of the following titles:

No. 135. A bill to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1848;

No. 136. A bill making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1849: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and said bills, together with sundry accompanying documents, were ordered to be printed.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating that since the date of his last communication, fixing the amount of the loan at twelve millions of dollars, a letter, dated the 21st instant, has been received from the Secretary of War, giving the information that he had submitted to the Committee of Ways and Means certain estimates, in addition to those heretofore submitted: which communication was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farrelly moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday committed the "bill to provide for increase of examiners in the Patent Office" to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

By general consent, the bill from the Senate (No. 64) entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the accounts of Joseph Nourse, deceased," was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Dickens, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill (No. 75) entitled

"An act for the relief of Richard Bloss," in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

By general consent, Mr. McKay, from a minority of the Committee of Ways and Means, submitted an amendment to the bill (No. 104) "to authorize a loan, not to exceed the sum of eighteen millions five hundred thousand dollars," (reported on the 19th instant,) which he intends to offer to the said bill when it shall come up for consideration in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which amendment was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Chapman reported that the committee had directed him to report bill of the House No. 4, for the relief of Mary Brown, widow of Jacob Brown, with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; and the question was stated on agreeing to the said amendments; when

Mr. Collamer moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put; and the said amendments were agreed to, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and the question was put, "Shall it pass?"

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 119 / Nays ..... 47

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
James A. Black
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boyden
Jasper E. Brady
Albert G. Brown
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Mr. Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
David Fisher
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John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
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Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
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Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Mr. Alfred Iverson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
John A. McClernand
Robert M. McLane
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Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
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William Nelson
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill

Mr. Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Mr. Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
Mr. John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
Joshua R. Giddings
Willard P. Hall
John H. Harmanson
Thomas J. Henley
George S. Houston
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
Sidney Lawrence
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Mr. James J. McKay
Charles H. Peaslee
Samuel O. Peyton
Joseph M. Root
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Robert A. Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Richard W. Thompson: The petition of James M. Kibben, of the State of Indiana, praying for the release of the reversionary interests of the United States in certain Indian reservations;

Also, the petition of Isaac C. Elston, of the State of Indiana, praying Congress to release the reversionary interests of the United States in certain Indian reservations.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. A. Stewart: The memorial of Thomas Gregg, of Fayette county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the renewal of certain patents which have or are about to expire: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Bocock: The petition of Christopher Moore, sole heir of Ann Hancock, late widow of Lieutenant Jacob Moore, deceased, who belonged to the Virginia continental line in the revolutionary war, praying for arrearage of pension due his late mother, the said Ann Hancock: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Vinton: The memorial of the legal representatives of William D. Cheever—heretofore presented December 22, 1843: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Freedley: The memorial of Joseph Walker, jun., president of the council of Marcus Hook, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying an appropriation for repairing the public piers at Marcus Hook.

By Mr. La Sère: The memorial of the chamber of commerce of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, praying that the limits and jurisdiction of the ports of Shieldsboro' and Mississippi city, be extended so as to include the harbors of Cat and Ship islands and the adjacent waters.

*Ordered*, That said memorials be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of Charles Johnston—heretofore presented June 30, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Vinton: The memorial of citizens of Morgan county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the repeal of the act of Congress of March 3, 1847, requiring payment of postage on all newspapers circulating in the mail within thirty miles of the offices f publication; and such other modification as shall provide an uniform system of cheap postage.

By Mr. Freedley: The memorials of citizens of Montgomery, Berks, and Lehigh counties, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a tri-weekly mail route from Morristown, in the county of Montgomery, to Allenton, in the county of Lehigh.

By Mr. Vinton: The petition of citizens of Franklin county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a reduction of postage on juvenile newspapers of small dimensions, and a proportionate reduction on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Giddings: The memorial of citizens of the county of Delaware, in the State of Ohio, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Edwards: A petition of similar import from citizens of Fairfield county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Bingham: A petition of similar import from citizens of Oakland county, in the State of Michigan;

By Mr. Daniel Duncan: A petition of similar import from citizens of Franklin county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Taylor: A petition of similar import from citizens of Sciota county, in the State of Ohio.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of Jeremiah and Moses Noble, of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire—heretofore presented March 30, 1840: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

And then, on motion of Mr. Cocke, the House, at 2 o'clock and ten minutes, adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## MONDAY, January 31, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing post routes from Oseola, St. Clair county, *via* Quincy, to Hickory C. H., Missouri.

Mr. Gott offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the debate in Committee of the Whole on the

state of the Union on the motion to refer the President's message to various appropriate committees, be closed the 1st day of February next, at 2 o'clock; at which time the committee shall proceed to vote upon all pending amendments, and amendments to be offered.

The resolution was read: when

Mr. Crozier moved to amend the same by striking out the word "February" and inserting "March:" which motion was not agreed to.

The question was stated, Will the House agree to the resolution: when

Mr. Collamer moved that it be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 30 / Nays ..... 144

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
John Blanchard
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Jacob Collamer
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
Mr. James Dixon
David Fisher
John P. Gaines
William L. Goggin
Elias B. Holmes
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Mr. David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
Harvey Putnam
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Richard Brodhead
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armisted Burt
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
Mr. George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
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Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
Mr. George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sere
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
Gideon Reynolds
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson

Mr. William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Mr. Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Mr. Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Fisher moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "*first*," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "*fourth*;" which was not agreed to.

And the said resolution was then agreed to by the House.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Phelps obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 137) granting to the State of Missouri certain lands for the improvement of the navigation of the Osage river: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Phelps gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills of the following titles, viz:

A bill to revive the act entitled "An act for the payment of horses and other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved January 18, 1837, and the acts approved October 14, 1837, and August 23, 1842, amendatory of the same, and for other purposes.

A bill to establish the western judicial district in the State of Missouri.

A bill for the relief of George W. Kidd.

On motion of Mr. Willard P. Hall,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the propriety of authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ such an additional number of clerks in the office of the Second Auditor as are required by the exigencies of that office.

Mr. Willard P. Hall gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills of the following titles:

A bill to grant certain public lands to the State of Missouri for the purpose of aiding to construct a railroad from the town of St. Joseph, in the State of Missouri, to the town of Hannibal, in said State, and for other purposes.

A bill for the relief of the volunteers engaged in the military service of the United States.

A bill for the establishment of certain post routes in the State of Missouri.

On motion of Mr. Greene,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Alexandria, Clark county, Missouri, to Winchester, in said county; also, from Alexandria to Canton, in Lewis county; and, also, from Alexandria, by way of St. Francisville, Wood's mill, Bloomfield, Drakesville, Princeton, and Knoxville, to Fort

Des Moines, in the State of Iowa; also, from Kirksville to Lancaster, Missouri.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Robert W. Johnson obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 138) to establish a judicial district in the western part of the State of Arkansas: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. McClelland,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of granting to Anthony Ten Eyck, esq., commissioner to the Sandwich Islands, an outfit.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. McClelland obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 139) to amend an act confirming certain land claims in the State of Michigan: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. McClelland obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 140) for the relief of Shadrach Gillet and others: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. McClelland obtained leave and introduced a joint resolution (No. 8) relating to errors and defective returns in certain surveys, plats, and field notes: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Charles E. Stuart offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing the Sergeant-at-arms to employ a clerk; and, also, to specify the compensation for the same.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Cocke moved that it be laid on the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Cabell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the survey and sale of so much of the public lands which have been, or may hereafter be, returned to the Land Office of the United States "unsaleable" as the settlers thereon shall desire to purchase, at the minimum price, one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre.

On motion of Mr. Cabell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law the fees of district attorneys, marshals' clerks, commissioners, and other officers of the courts of the United States, so that the same shall be in force in all the States.

On motion of Mr. Cabell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of having a custom-house erected at Apalachicola, in the State of Florida; also, into the expediency of having a marine hospital erected at the same place.

The rules of the House being suspended for the purpose, Mr. Cabell presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Florida, relative to the expenses of Florida volunteers previous to

being mustered into the service of the United States: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cabell also presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Florida, concerning the payment of Allen G. Johnson and others for services in the Florida war; and additional evidence in support of the petition before the Committee on Military Affairs: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Kaufman obtained leave and introduced a joint resolution (No. 9) providing for the payment of the regiment of Texas volunteers called into the United States service by Colonel Curtis, the commanding officer at Camargo: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Kaufman presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Texas, in relation to the passage of a law for the payment of the volunteers called out from that State under the requisitions of Colonel S. R. Curtis: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. William Thompson,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a new land district in the State of Iowa, with a land office at Fort Des Moines, in Polk county, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. William Thompson gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled "An act granting certain lands to the Territory of Iowa, to aid in the improvement of the navigation of the Des Moines river, in said Territory," approved August 8, 1846.

On motion of Mr. Leffler,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of setting apart a sufficient quantity of the public lands in the vicinity of the Mississippi river to cover, at the minimum price, the estimated cost of the improvement of the Des Moines and Rock river rapids; said lands to be designated under the authority of the State of Iowa, sold by the government of the United States, and the proceeds applied to said improvements, under the direction of the Secretary of War.

*Resolved*, That if the above plan should be deemed inexpedient, then that said Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of setting apart thirty per cent. of the net proceeds of the sales of the public lands, for the said purpose, within the following district, to wit: thirty miles on each side of the Mississippi, from the southern extremity of the Des Moines rapids to the mouth of the St. Peter's; the fund arising from the sale of which to be applied, under the direction of the Secretary of War, exclusively to said improvements; and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Tweedy,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making appropriations, at the present session, for the erection of a light-house at Sauk harbor, in the Territory of Wisconsin; and also, for the improvement of the harbor of Sheboygan, in said Territory; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Tweedy gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled "An act granting certain public lands to the Territory of Wisconsin, for the purpose of opening a canal connecting the waters of Lake Michigan with Rock river."

Mr. George S. Houston gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to cede to the State of Alabama the public lands lying within that State, for the purposes of education.

Mr. Hammons, in pursuance of previous notice, obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 141) supplementary to an act entitled "An act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain officers and soldiers of the revolution: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for registering foreign vessels, purchased and repaired by citizens of the United States.

Mr. Cabell offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be communicated to this House the number and names of the commissioned officers in the military service of the United States who have been at any time attached to the army of the United States in Mexico, and who are now absent from said army on leave or for any other purpose.

Mr. Crowell moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Robert W. Johnson presented a petition of the heirs of Eli Whitney, who was the inventor of the cotton gin, praying recompense for the services of their ancestor: which was referred to a select committee consisting of nine members.

Mr. Robert W. Johnson, in pursuance of previous notice, introduced a bill (No. 142) to confirm the boundary line between Missouri and Arkansas: which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The said bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Phelps, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 143) to pay to the State of Missouri two per cent. upon the proceeds of the sales of the public lands sold in said State, which have been reserved by the United States for the purpose of constructing a road to said State: which

bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Jamieson offered the following resolution; which was read, and debate arising thereon, it was laid over, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Sergeant-at-arms to employ a clerk.

Mr. Samson W. Harris presented joint resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Alabama, approving of Mr. Whitney's plan of constructing a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which resolutions were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robert Smith, in pursuance of previous notice, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 144) making an appropriation for the improvement of the Mississippi river: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. McClernand gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to create the office of surveyor general of the public lands in the Territory of Oregon, and to grant donation rights to settlers therein, and for other purposes.

Mr. McClernand presented the petition of John Tucker, of Franklin county, Illinois, praying Congress to pass a law authorizing him to locate a land warrant: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Wentworth, in pursuance of previous notice, obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 145) for the preservation and repair of the harbor already begun at the city of Chicago, and State of Illinois: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wentworth, in pursuance of previous notice, obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 146) authorizing a term of the United States circuit and district courts at Chicago, Illinois: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Turner gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill appropriating a portion of the public land for the improvement of Rock river, in the State of Illinois.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law a post route from Kinderhood, in Pike county, Illinois, to Hannibal, in the State of Missouri.

On motion of Mr. Albert G. Brown,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Shieldsboro', Hancock county, Mississippi, by way of Gainesville, Columbia, Monticello, to Gallatin, Mississippi; and, also, from Bilovir, Mississippi, by Augusta, Ellisville, Paulding, Decatur, to Hillsboro', Mississippi.

Mr. Albert G. Brown gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to grant alternate sections of the public lands in the

State of Mississippi for the improvement of certain rivers in that State.

Mr. Featherston offered the following preamble and resolution; which were read, considered, and agreed to:

Whereas the government of the United States owns a large quantity of land in the State of Mississippi, lying in the Missssippi bottom, which is subject to overflow, and is thereby rendered worthless: and whereas the said lands would be of great value were they reclaimed: and whereas it is thought practicable to reclaim said lands, by the construction of a levee on the east bank of the Mississippi river, in said State, to prevent their annual inundation; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of ceding to said State so much of said lands as may be necessary to construct such levee: *Provided* the State of Mississippi will appropriate a part of her public lands for such purpose; each appropriating according to the quantity owned by them respectively.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (No. 18) entitled "An act making further provisions for surviving widows of the soldiers of the Revolution," and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Mr. Cathcart, in pursuance of previous notice, obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 147) "for the prosecution of the work upon the harbor at Michigan City, in the State of Indiana:" which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Embree offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to furnish to this House copies of all correspondence between the Secretary of War and Major General Scott, and between the Secretary of War and Major General Taylor, from the 1st of September, 1846, to the 1st of December, 1847, which have not been heretofore published, and which may not be incompatible with the public interest.

Mr. Henley, in pursuance of previous notice, asked and obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 148) "to extend the right of suffrage in the District of Columbia:" which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Turner asked for leave to introduce a joint resolution annexing New Mexico and upper and lower California to the United States.

Objection was made to the introduction of the said resolution,

And the question was stated on granting leave; when,

Debate arising thereon, the motion for leave was laid over under the rule.

Mr. Giddings offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a select committee of five members be appointed,

to inquire into and report to this House whether the slave trade is carried on within the District of Columbia; if so, by what legal authority it is sustained; and whether any modification of the existing acts of Congress on that subject is expedient at the present time.

The said resolution was read; when

Mr. Giddings moved the previous question.

Mr. Isaac E. Holmes moved that the resolution be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 87 / Nays ..... 91

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Mr. Garnett Duncan
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Emile La Sère
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
Mr. William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Isaac E. Morse
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
William B. Preston
Thomas Richey
J. Dixon Roman
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert A. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John Dickey
James Dixon
William Duer
Mr. Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
George Fries
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Mr. Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln

Mr. Frederick W. Lord
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Mr. William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
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George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
Mr. John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
James Wilson.

The question recurred on seconding the previous question; when Mr. Howell Cobb raised the question of order, that it was not in order, upon the introduction of a resolution, to move the previous question, and thereby cut off the House from its consideration, when the rule of the House expressly provided that in the event of debate the resolution goes over.

The Speaker stated, that in conformity with the repeated decisions of his predecessors in the chair, sustained upon appeal by the House, he was bound to decide that the previous question was in order.

From this decision Mr. Cobb appealed.

And the question being put, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?"

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The House then refused to second the demand for the previous question.

Debate arising upon the said resolution, it was laid over under the rule.

Mr. Cummins offered the following resolutions; which were read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the justice and expediency of causing to be paid to the officers and seamen who in the year 1804 volunteered their services, under Captain Stephen Decatur, to recapture or destroy the brig Philadelphia, then lying in the harbor of Tripoli, the value of which said vessel was, by the commander of the squadron, promised to said officers and men, as a reward for their courage and enterprise, but which has never been paid to them.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to inquire into the justice and expediency of causing the names of the surviving officers and seamen, and the widows of such as may have died, who in the year 1804 volunteered, under Captain Stephen Decatur, to recapture or destroy the brig Philadelphia, then lying in the harbor of Tripoli; and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Crowell offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to

inquire into the propriety of causing the sum allowed for removal and subsistence, under the Cherokee treaty, to be paid to such Cherokees as were not required, under the provisions of those treaties, to remove west of the Mississippi.

Mr. Sawyer, in pursuance of previous notice, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 149) "to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands to actual settlers, and for other purposes:" which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Sawyer gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to remove the United States land office from upper Sandusky, in the State of Ohio, to Defiance, in said State.

Mr. Dickinson offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a mail route from lower Sandusky, in Sandusky county, Ohio, to Port Clinton, in Ottawa county, in the same State.

Mr. Faran gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a joint resolution directing the payment of certain volunteers and regulars, under the limitations therein prescribed.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Stanton obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 150) "for the relief of the heirs of Mathew Rea, a lieutenant in the revolutionary war:" which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Howell Cobb obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 151) "to regulate and equalize the compensation of district attorneys of the United States:" which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Lumpkin obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 152) "for dividing the State of Georgia into two judicial districts, and organizing and establishing an additional district court of the United States, with circuit court powers and jurisdiction:" which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Isaac E. Holmes obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 153) "creating the office of Assistant Secretary of State, and for other purposes:" which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Crowell moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution instructing the Committee on Accounts to inquire into the expediency of allowing the Sergeant-at-arms to employ a clerk was laid upon the table this day.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

The question recurred on agreeing to the said resolution; when Debate arising thereon, it was laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Duer moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee

of the Whole House on the State of the Union: which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Vinton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 154. A bill making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1849;

No. 155. A bill making appropriations for the support of the army and of volunteers for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849; which bills were severally read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill granting to the State of Indiana the refuse lands within her limits, for educational and other purposes.

Mr. Harmanson offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands inquire whether the proviso in the distribution act of 1841, suspending that act in the event of a war with a foreign power, also suspends the pre-emption law which is in that act; and, if so, to take such action, at as early a day as may be practicable, to re-enact the pre-emption law, and to grant such further relief to the pre-emptioners as they may deem necessary.

The question being put, "Will the House agree to the said resolution?"

It was decided in the negative.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 108. An act to further extend the patent of Jethro Wood;

No. 118. An act to enable and authorize the accounting officers of the treasury to audit and settle the accounts of certain acting officers therein mentioned;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. La Sère offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to;

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into and report upon the necessity of erecting light-houses at the following points, on the coast of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, viz: one on Horn island; one on Ship island; one at the mouth of Bayou Grand Sable, due north of the pier or landing for Mississippi city; one at the mouth of the river Tomchipaho; and one on Proctor's shell bank.

Mr. Cummins gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills of the following titles:

A bill granting pensions and annuities to certain widows of officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war;

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," passed on the 11th day of February, 1847;

A bill granting pensions to the officers and men who in 1804 vol-

unteered, under Captain Stephen Decatur, to recapture or destroy the brig Philadelphia, then lying in the harbor of Tripoli.

On motion of Mr. Nathan Evans,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the benefit of the act of 7th June, 1832, granting pensions to surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war, to all surviving soldiers of the revolutionary war who served for a period of less than six months; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to transmit to the Clerk of this House the papers in the cases of Joseph Graham and George Kirk, applicants for pensions under the act of June 7, 1832, and that they be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Andrew Johnson,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing a new and complete tent for the army, which shall protect the men from the water and the weather, be easily and quickly pitched and struck, and combine size, lightness, durability, and strength with compactness of packing and facility of transportation.

On motion of Mr. Boyd,

*Resolved*, That, upon the application of any member of Congress, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Pensions to deliver the papers in the case of any rejected application for a pension upon said member receipting for the same.

On motion of Mr. French,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Mount Sterling, Kentucky, via "the Beaver ponds," on Red river, and the "Estill steam furnace," to "Irvine," in Estill county.

On motion of Mr. Morehead,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of passing a law allowing the owners of what are commonly known as "Bowze claims" to land in the State of Arkansas, to enter the same at the minimum price; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Garnett Duncan offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the President is requested, if consistent with the public interest, to furnish this House with a copy of General Taylor's answer to the letter dated January 27, 1847, which was addressed to General Taylor by the honorable W. L. Marcy, Secretary of War, and a copy of which was communicated to the House on the first day of March last.

The said resolution was read; and the rule requiring it to lie one day upon the table being suspended, on motion of Mr. Duncan,

The question was stated, Shall it pass? when

Mr. Duncan moved the previous question, which was seconded;

and the main question was ordered and put; and the said resolution was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Haralson,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the propriety of establishing a post route from Griffin to Newnan, in the State of Georgia.

On motion of Mr. Lumpkin,

*Resolved*, That the Committtee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety and expediency of establishing a *national foundry* in Cass county, Georgia, at or near the point where the Western and Atlantic railroad crosses the Elowah river, and report to this House by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. T. Butler King,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Albany, in Baker county, to Thomasville, in Thomas county, and from Barrington ferry, in McIntosh county, to Waresboro', via Pendaver's store, in Wayne county, and Allabakan creek to Waresboro', in Ware county, Georgia.

On motion of Mr. Stephens,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of giving the Postmaster General power, by law, to allow deputy postmasters extra compensation, in certain cases, where extra services are rendered, and particularly the postmaster at Union Point, Georgia; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Isaac E. Holmes,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the rank in the navy; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Burt,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the justice and propriety of causing an appropriation to be made for the purchase of the island at the confluence of the St. Peter's and Mississippi rivers, agreeably to a contract entered into for that purpose by the Secretary of War on the 12th day of March, 1839, in obedience to a joint resolution of both Houses of Congress of the 13th February, 1839.

Mr. Sims offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested, if in his opinion not incompatible with the public interests, to lay before this House the documents and correspondence not already published relating to the final adjustment of the difficulties between Great Britain and the United States concerning duties on rough rice, or paddy.

The said resolution was read; and the rule requiring the same to lie one day upon the table being suspended, the resolution was considered and agreed to.

Mr. Clingman offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to transmit to this House copies of all written communications, suggestions, and

plans of campaign submitted to the War Department by Major General Scott in October and November, 1846; also, copies of all charges preferred against Major General Scott upon which the President has ordered a court of inquiry, and supended him from his command, together with copies of all communications received from General Scott since the capture of Vera Cruz.

The resolution was read; and objection being raised to the passage of the same this day,

Mr. Clingman moved that the rule requiring the same to lie one day upon the table be suspended;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 95 / Nays..... 82

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. David Fisher | Mr. David Outlaw |
| John Quincy Adams | Thomas S. Flournoy | John G. Palfrey |
| Green Adams | John Freedley | John S. Pendleton |
| George Ashmun | Andrew S. Fulton | James Pollock |
| Daniel M. Barringer | John P. Gaines | William B. Preston |
| Washington Barrow | Meredith P. Gentry | Harvey Putnam |
| John Blanchard | Joshua R. Giddings | Gideon Reynolds |
| John M. Botts | William L. Goggin | Julius Rockwell |
| Jasper E. Brady | Daniel Gott | John A. Rockwell |
| Armistead Burt | Dudley S. Gregory | J. Dixon Roman |
| Chester Butler | Joseph Grinnell | Robert L. Rose |
| E. Carrington Cabell | Artemas Hale | Joseph M. Root |
| Richard S. Canby | Nathan K. Hall | David Rumsey, jr. |
| John G. Chapman | James G. Hampton | Augustine H. Shepperd |
| Thomas L. Clingman | Moses Hampton | Eliakim Sherrill |
| William M. Cocke | William Henry | John I. Slingerland |
| Harmon S. Conger | Elias B. Holmes | Caleb B. Smith |
| Robert B. Cranston | Samuel D. Hubbard | Truman Smith |
| John W. Crisfield | Charles Hudson | Alexander H. Stephens |
| John Crowell | Washington Hunt | Andrew Stewart |
| John H. Crozier | Alexander Irvin | John Strohm |
| John Dickey | John W. Jones | Frederick A. Tallmadge |
| James Dixon | Orlando Kellogg | Bannon G. Thibodeaux |
| Richard S. Donnell | T. Butler King | John L. Taylor |
| William Duer | Daniel P. King | Richard W. Thompson |
| Daniel Duncan | William T. Lawrence | Robert Toombs |
| Garnett Duncan | Abraham Lincoln | John Van Dyke |
| George G. Dunn | George P. Marsh | Samuel F. Vinton |
| Thomas O. Edwards | Dudley Marvin | Cornelius Warren |
| Elisha Embree | Charles S. Morehead | Hugh White |
| Nathan Evans | Joseph Mullin | James Wilson. |
| John W. Farrelly | William Nelson | |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. Charles W. Cathcart | Mr. Richard French |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Lucien B. Chase | James S. Green |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Asa W. H. Clapp | David Hammons |
| Henry Bedinger | Franklin Clark | Hugh A. Haralson |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | Howell Cobb | Samson W. Harris |
| James A. Black | William Collins | Thomas J. Henley |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | John D. Cummins | Hugh L. W. Hill |
| James B. Bowlin | John R. J. Daniel | George S. Houston |
| Linn Boyd | Rudolphus Dickinson | Alfred Iverson |
| Richard Brodhead | James J. Faran | Timothy Jenkins |
| William G. Brown | Winfield S. Featherston | Andrew Johnson |
| Charles Brown | Orlando B. Ficklin | Robert W. Johnson |
| Albert G. Brown | George Fries | George W. Jones |

Mr. David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
Mr. John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Mr. Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley.

On motion of Mr. McKay,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the law as requires mounted volunteers to furnish their own horses and receive a daily allowance for the use and risk, and to provide that, after such repeal, they shall be mounted at the public expense whenever mounted volunteers may be needed.

*Resolved, further*, That in case the committee should think it inexpedient to repeal said law, that they will inquire whether public economy would not be promoted by suspending its operation during the continuance of the present war with Mexico.

On motion of Mr. Shepperd,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to Elizabeth Wright, of North Carolina; and that the Secretary of War communicate to said committee the papers on file in the Pension Bureau relating to her application.

Mr. Venable gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to retrocede all of the District of Columbia, except the public buildings and grounds, to the State of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Barringer,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire, and report, whether any further legislation is required in relation to claims against the government of the United States; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Botts offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department be, and they are hereby, instructed to inquire into the practical operation of the law entitled "An act to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safekeeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue," approved 6th of August, 1846, and to ascertain whether its provisions have been at any time or in any manner violated; and, if so, how, by whom, and under what authority or instructions; and that they also ascertain the amount of annual expenditures required for its complete organization and operation; and that they also inquire into any other violation of duty or abuse of power that may have occurred in the Treasury Department, and report the same to this House; and that they have leave to send for persons and papers.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Botts moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Botts offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule, viz:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House, if not in his opinion incompatible with the public interests, under what law or provision of the Constitution, or by what other authority, the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States has, by his sanction and approval, established a tariff of duties in the ports of the Mexican republic; and that he also communicate to this House by what legal, constitutional, or other authority he has undertaken to appropriate the revenue thus derived to the support of our army in Mexico, without the sanction of the tax-laying and appropriating power of Congress, as established by the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. Meade offered the following resolution; which was read, and debate arising thereon, it was laid over, under the rule:

*Resolved*, *as the settled opinion of this House*, That it would be inexpedient and unwise to annex the whole of Mexico to this Union; and that the territory lying north of the line proposed by Commissioner Trist to the Mexican government is sufficient indemnity for the expenses already incurred in the present war.

On motion of Mr. Fulton,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of changing the times of holding the district courts of the United States for the western district of Virginia, and of increasing the salary of the judge of that district.

On motion of Mr. William G. Brown,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation of land in the territory of Oregon to the officers and men who explored that territory in the years 1804, 1805, and 1806, or to their heirs, where they are dead; and that they report thereon by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Pendleton,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to inquire into the propriety of allowing to John Lee, hostler to the House of Representatives, the same amount of extra compensation as was allowed to the hostler to the Senate and the messenger of the House for the last Congress, and as he has been accustomed to receive in common with said persons.

On motion of Mr. Preston,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Christiansburg, in Montgomery county, Virginia, to Newport, in Giles county, Virginia.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the

United States, by J. Knox Walker, esq., his private secretary, which was delivered in at the Speaker's table.

On motion of Mr. Preston,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expedieney of establishing a post route from Franklin court-house, by Canada's gap, to Floyd court-house, Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Bocock,

*Resolved*, That leave be given to withdraw from the files of the Pension Office the papers of Elizabeth Williamson, of Elizabeth Simpson, of Sarah Victor, of Ann Hancock, and Susan Oglesby, and that they be severally referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions; also, that leave be given to withdraw from the files of this House the papers presented in the case of Charles Lewis's petition—heretofore referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Beale,

*Resolved*, That the memorial of the officers and crew of the United States schooner Shark, and accompanying documents herewith presented, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; and that the said memorial, omitting the signatures, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Goggin,

*Resolved*, That the Committe on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire, as far as practicable, and report to this House, how many, if any, postmasters, or assistant postmasters, are engaged in the service of the department who cannot read or write, with the names of all such persons, the date of their appointment, and the offices at which they are engaged.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States an enrolled bill and resolution of the following titles:

Senate bill No. 54. "An act exempting vessels employed by the American Colonization Society in transporting colored emigrants from the United States to the coast of Africa from the provisions of the acts of the 22d of February and the 2d of March, 1847, regulating the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels."

Senate resolution No. 2. A resolution authorizing the erection, on the public grounds in the city of Washington, of a monument to George Washington.

And then, on motion of Mr. George W. Jones, the House at 3 o'clock and thirteen minutes adjourned, until to-morrow, at o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, February 1, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Goggin, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Stephens reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the annual message of the President of the United States, had agreed to the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That so much of the annual message of the President of the United States to the two Houses of Congress at the present session, as has reference to the relations of the United States with foreign nations; to the causes that brought on the war with Mexico; to the alleged invasion by Mexico of the State of Texas; to the commencement of hostilities; to the efforts made by the President of the United States to obtain a peace; to the cession by Mexico to the United States of a portion of her territory as an indemnity for our claims on her; to a release of Mexico from her liabilities to our citizens, and the assumption of their payment by the United States; together with the recommendation that the provinces of New Mexico and the Californias should be retained by the United States as an indemnity; that they should hereafter be considered constituent parts of our country, and the civil laws and jurisdiction of the United States extended over them; and the recommendation that the other Mexican provinces which have been reduced to our possession by conquest should continue to be held as a means of coercing Mexico to terms of peace, and that adequate compensation should be fixed by law for such officers, both civil and military, as may be employed to conduct such government, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2. That so much of said message as recommends that territorial governments be established in New Mexico and the Californias, and the establishment of a territorial government in Oregon, be referred to the Committee on Territories.

3. That so much of said message as relates to the state and condition of the army, to its increase, and to its operations in Mexico, together with the report of the Secretary of War accompanying said message, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

4. That so much of said message as relates to the establishment of tribunals to try and punish crimes, and exercise jurisdiction in civil cases over American citizens in China, and so much as relates to the imposition and collection of duties on imports into the ports of Mexico by order of the President of the United States, and the disbursement of the moneys so collected, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to said committee to inquire and report by what law or authority said duties are imposed and said moneys disbursed.

5. That so much of said message as relates to the commerce, tonnage, and navigation of the country, and to the influence which the operations of the sub-treasury, the exclusion of the receipt of bank paper in payment of dues to the government, and the tariff act of the 30th of July, A. D. 1846, have had, and will have, on the trade and currency of the country, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

6. That so much of said message as relates to the subject of manufactures, and to the influence of the tariff act of the 30th July, A. D. 1846, on the manufactures of the country, be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

7. That so much of said message as relates to the condition and operations of the navy, together with the accompanying report of

the Secretary of the Navy, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

8. That so much of said message as relates to the revenue; to the public debt; to the increase thereof; to the creation of a sinking fund; to a duty on tea and coffee; to the collection, safe keeping, and disbursement of the public moneys; to the coinage, and the establishment of a branch mint at the city of New York; to the amendment of the sub-treasury act; to the estimated expenditures of the government, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means. And that said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for raising annually, during the continuance of the war with Mexico, and until the payment of the public debt, the sum of five millions of dollars, to be assessed on personal property, stocks, and money at interest, and apportioned among the States as provided by the constitution; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

9. That so much of said message as relates to the public lands; to the graduation and reduction of the price thereof; to the amendment of the pre-emption laws; to the surveying and bringing into market the lands in Oregon, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

10. That so much of said message as relates to the Indian tribes and to our intercourse with them, together with so much of the accompanying report of the Secretary of War as relates to this subject, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

11. That so much of said message as relates to the condition and operations of the Post Office Department; to the collection in the British post office of discriminating postages on letters and other mailable matter transported in American mail steamers, together with the accompanying report of the Postmaster General, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

12. That so much of said message as relates to agriculture, and to the relief which is therein alleged it has derived from the burdens of the protective policy, under the operation of the tariff act of July 30, A. D. 1846, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

13. That so much of said message as recommends that provision be made for the families of those who have fallen or died in the service in Mexico, be referred to a select committee, to consist of nine members.

14. That so much of said message as declares that it may become proper for our commanding generals in the field to give encouragement and assurances of protection to such friends of peace in Mexico as will establish a government there, able and willing to conclude a peace with us, "and secure to us the indemnity we demand," be referred to a select committee, to consist of nine members.

15. That so much of said message as relates to the manner in which the war with Mexico ought to be prosecuted, and the policy that should be pursued in respect to it, be referred to a select committee, to consist of nine members.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said resolutions.

And, after debate,

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 15. An act to allow further time for satisfying claims for bounty lands for military services in the late war with Great Britain, and for other purposes;

No. 39. An act to provide additional examiners in the Patent office, and for other purposes;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

The following memorials, petitions, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Dickinson: The petition of one hundred and sixty citizens of the counties of Seneca and Hancock, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Tiffin, in Seneca county, to Defiance, in Defiance county, in said State;

Also, the petition of citizens of Crawford county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a reduction of postage on juvenile newspapers of small dimensions, and all others not containing more than five hundred square inches;

Also, a petition of similar import, from citizens of same county and State as the foregoing;

By Mr. Faran: A petition of similar import, from citizens of Hamilton county, in the State of Ohio;

By Mr. Root: Two petitions of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Lorain and Huron counties, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Cummins: A petition of similar import, from citizens of Crawford and Holmes counties, in the State of Ohio, with the foregoing.

By Mr. Cathcart: A petition of similar import, from citizens of Laporte, in the State of Indiana, with the foregoing.

By Mr. Robert A. Thompson: Two similar petitions, from citizens of Harrison and Lewis counties, in the State of Virginia, with the foregoing.

By Mr. Lahm: Four petitions of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Stark and Wayne counties, in the State of Ohio;

Also, the petition of sundry citizens of Wayne county, in the State of Ohio, praying that so much of the act of 3d March, 1847, as requires the payment of postage on newspapers circulated in the mails within thirty miles of the offices of publication, be repealed; and that Congress provide by law for a more uniform system of postage on letters.

By Mr. Root: The petition of citizens of Lorain connty, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to reduce the postage on all letters to two cents each, pre-paid.

By Mr. Brodhead: The petition of citizens of Monroe county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Stroudsburgh, in said county, to East Sterling, in Wayne county.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of inhabitants of the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Wilmington, in Will county, to Pontiac, in Livingston county, in said State.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Hudson: The memorial of Collins Stevens and others, praying that such duties be laid on certain articles as shall protect the manufacturers of such articles, in the United States, against a foreign infraction of a certain patent: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of citizens of Youngstown, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to pass a law authorizing the issue of one hundred and fifty millions of dollars of treasury notes, for a national currency: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Tweedy: The memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying an appropriation for the erection of a penitentiary in said Territory—heretofore presented December 15, 1845;

Also, the memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the appropriation of Fort Howard to said Territory, for educational purposes—heretofore presented April 3, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said memorials be referred to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. Wentworth: The memorial of Charles B. Collins, of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, praying that Congress will, during the present session, adopt measures for the early construction of a national railroad from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Clingman: The petition of William B. Crews—heretofore presented January 24, 1843.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of William J. A. Bradford—heretofore presented December 12, 1844.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of Lavinia Gardner, of Southboro', in the State of Massachusetts, widow of David Gardner, deceased, praying relief, in consideration of the services of her late husband on board the Bon Homme Richard, under the command of Commodore John Paul Jones, in the war of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. White: The petition of Richard M. Bouton, of West Troy, in the State of New York, praying compensation from government for the use of his discovery and machine, in the manufacture of percussion caps for the army of the United States.

By Mr. McClernand: The petition of citizens of Wabash county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of an armory and foundry at Fort Massac—heretofore presented February 16, 1846;

Also, a petition of similar import, from one hundred and seven-

ty-three citizens of Williamson county, in the State of Illinois—heretofore presented March 6, 1846;

Also, a petition of similar import, from citizens of Jefferson county, in the State of Illinois—heretofore presented February 9, 1846;

Also, the petition of citizens of Pope county, in the State of Illinois, of similar import with the foregoing—heretofore presented February 27, 1846.

Also, the petition of four hundred and fifty citizens of the States of Illinois and Kentucky, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Beverly L. Clark: The petition of Hannah Hampton, of Logan county, in the State of Kentucky, widow of Joel Hampton, deceased, praying for arrearage of her late husband's pension, and a pension for herself, in consideration of the said Hampton's services in the revolutionary war.

By Mr. Conger: The petition of Lyman Phelps and other heirs of James Phelps, deceased—heretofore presented December 15, 1841.

By Mr. Robert A. Thompson: The petition of John M. Roseberry—heretofore presented January 9, 1844.

By Mr. Nathan Evans: The petition of Henry Haines, of Guernsey county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a pension in consideration of services rendered during the revolutionary war.

By Mr. Miller: The petition of Sarah Dunham, of Knox county, in the State of Ohio, widow of Jacob Dunham, deceased, praying for the benefit of the provision made by an act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. James H. Johnson: The petition of Beriah Wright—heretofore presented January 15, 1846;

Also, the petition of Benjamin G. Perkins—heretofore presented January 3, 1846.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of Israel Bayless—heretofore presented January 19, 1847.

By Mr. William G. Brown: The petition of William H. Wilson—heretofore presented February 20, 1846.

By Mr. French: The petition of John Savage, of the State of Kentucky, praying for a pension in consideration of wounds and disabilities incurred while serving in the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. McClelland: The petition of citizens of Detroit, in the State of Michigan, praying for a law regulating drawbacks and warehousing, so as to extend to wheat imported into the United States from Canada, admitting it to entry under bond, and after being manufactured into flour, and upon its exportation, the said bonds may be cancelled.

By Mr. Lahm: The petition of citizens of the State of Ohio, praying Congress to pass laws which will more effectually prevent the

collisions, explosions, and other accidents which so frequently happen to steamboats on the western lakes and rivers.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Palfrey: The memorial of Ann Carpenter, of the State of Massachusetts, praying for the renewal of her pension, which was heretofore given her in consideration of the services of her late husband, Jacob Carpenter, deceased, a gunner in the navy: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Faran: The petition of citizens of the United States, praying that the general government no longer traffic or permit traffic in the public lands; and that they be laid out in farms and lots for the free use of such citizens as will occupy them, not possessed of other lands.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of William Scholfield, of Lafayette county, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying Congress to grant him, by special act, a pre-emptive right to purchase certain lands.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Putnam: The petition of Eunice Crossman, of Sheldon, in the State of New York, praying for a pension in consideration of the services of her late husband, Lieutenant William Crossman, a soldier of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of citizens of the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a daily mail route from Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, to Mansfield, in the State of Ohio;

Also, the petition of citizens of Jefferson county, in the State of Ohio, praying for an immediate and proportionate reduction of postage on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Sawyer: A petition of similar import from citizens of Van Wert county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Crowell: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Trumbull county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Putnam: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Litchfield, in the State of Connecticut;

Also, a petition of similar import from citizens of Orange county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Root: The petition of citizens of Huron county, in the State of Ohio, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Rose: The memorial of citizens of Canandaigua, in the State of New York, praying Congress to provide means and take measures to obtain the seed of the potato from the parent plant, in the place of its nativity, for the purpose of restoring it to its pristine health and usefulness: which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Hunt: The memorial of Ann H. Allen, of Cincinnati, in

the State of Ohio, praying a further allowance, as the widow of Samuel Allen, deceased, late an invalid pensioner: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Giddings: The memorial of one hundred and twenty-seven other citizens of the State of Ohio, praying Congress to grant no more supplies of men and money for the purpose of continuing the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means;

Also, the memorial of one hundred and twenty-seven other citizens of the State of Ohio, praying for the abolishment of slavery in the District of Columbia: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Robert A. Thompson: The petition of the trustees of the Wabash and Erie canal, praying for the passage of an act to confirm to the State of Indiana the sections of lands made by Sigler and Murray, commissioners appointed by said State under the act of Congress granting certain lands to aid in the construction of said canal: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The memorial of citizens of Alleghany county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for a reduction and equalization of postage on juvenile and other newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Crowell: A memorial of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Portage county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Taylor: The memorial of citizens of Pike county, in the State of Ohio, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Kennon: A memorial of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Belmont county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Giddings: A memorial of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Cuyahoga county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Haralson: The petition of citizens of Heard, Carrollton, and Paulding counties, in the State of Georgia, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Carrollton to Franklin; and also, one from Carrollton to Van Wert.

By Mr. Ficklin: The petition of citizens of Coles, Sullivan, and Macon counties, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Charleston, in Coles county, to Decatur, in Macon county.

By Mr. Gayle: The memorial of citizens of the city of Mobile, in the State of Alabama, praying for the establishment of a weekly mail route from the city of Mobile to Cahawba, in said State.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of citizens of the State of Ohio, praying Congress to cause such enactments to be made as that the American troops now in Mexico be immediately withdrawn, and that offers of peace, on just and equitable terms, be made to the Mexican government;

Also, the resolutions of a meeting at Terrytown, in Bradford county, and State of Pennsylvania, praying Congress to define the character and objects of the war with Mexico, and by some act

arrest its further prosecution; and that there be no more slave territory added to the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The memorial of the Central Railroad and Banking Company of the State of Georgia, praying that their bonds, given for the payment of certain duties on railroad iron, may be cancelled.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The supplemental petition of Major G. Tochman, attorney and counsel for the heirs-at-law of General Thadeus Kosciusko, containing a rejoinder to the answer of Joseph H. Bradley, esquire.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of Kirtland and Lake counties, in the State of Ohio, praying immediate measures be taken to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, such as shall dissolve the Union now existing between the northern and southern States, or otherwise release the non-slaveholding States from upholding slavery.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of John Morrison—heretofore presented December 18, 1846.

By Mr. Bocock: The petition of the heirs of Charles Lewis—heretofore presented December 14, 1842.

By Mr. Pollock: The petition of Jane Lynn, of Mifflinburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, widow of John Lynn, deceased, late a revolutionary pensioner, praying for a special act granting her a pension.

By Mr. Chase: The petition of Prudence Chapell, of Montgomery county, in the State of Tennessee, widow of Thomas Weakly, deceased, late a revolutionary soldier, praying for the benefit of the provisions of the act granting half-pay and pensions to certain widows.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Dickinson: The petition of citizens of Sandusky county, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to carry into effect the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown, and the several acts of Congress relating to the construction of a road southerly from lower Sandusky;

Also, two similar petitions from citizens of Seneca and Wyandotte counties, in the State of Ohio.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

And then, on motion of Mr. Howell Cobb, the House, at twenty minutes before 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The President of the United States has notified the

Senate that he did on the 31st instant approve and sign a bill and resolution of the following titles:

S. No. 54. An act exempting vessels employed by the American Colonization Society in transporting colored emigrants from the United States to the coast of Africa, from the provisions of the acts of the 22d February and 2d March, 1847, regulating the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels.

S. No. 2. A resolution authorizing the erection on the public grounds in the city of Washington of a monument to George Washington.

The Senate have passed a bill (No. 121) "An act to pay to James Crutchett two thousand dollars for lighting the Capitol and Capitol grounds; and

An act (No. 124) to extend the provisions of existing pension laws to enlisted men of the ordnance corps of the United States army;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Rhett, by the unanimous consent of the House, proceeded to make an explanation personal to himself; and while so doing,

Mr. Caleb B. Smith raised the question of order, that the House, by unanimous consent, permitted the gentleman from South Carolina to make a personal explanation, and that he, abusing the courtesy of the House, is reaffirming his former positions, and supporting those positions by argument; whereas a personal explanation can alone consist in correcting a misstatement of fact, which imputes motives, or arguments, or positions to a gentleman, which, not being corrected, would be injurious to his standing as a gentleman or his character as a public man.

The Speaker said, that the gentleman was speaking by the unanimous consent of the House; there was no question before the House; and the remarks of the gentleman could hardly be objected to on the score of irrelevancy. The gentleman from South Carolina had received permission to say whatever he might deem necessary to an explanation of his personal course; and as long as he confined himself to the general subject of the charges which had been brought against him, and avoided personalities, the Chair could perceive no ground for arresting his remarks. Permissions to make personal explanations had always been subject to abuse, and the only remedy would be, for the House to make some specific rule in regard to them. It had been uniformly decided by his predecessor, that the Chair could not undertake to decide as to what any gentleman might think necessary to a personal explanation. The Speaker, therefore, overruled the point of order.

From this decision Mr. Smith appealed.

Mr. Stephens moved that the appeal be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative; and

Mr. Rhett then proceeded and concluded his explanation.

A message was received from the President of the United States by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did

yesterday approve and sign the bill (No. 18) entitled "An act making further provisions for surviving widows of the soldiers of the revolution."

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The petition of John McLaughlin—heretofore presented December 17, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Mann: The memorial of Lawrence Taliaferro, late Indian agent at St. Peter's, praying to be allowed rent for buildings for the Indian agency at that place, and for that purpose built by him.

By Mr. Haralson: The petition of Mary G. Leverett, of Troop county, in the State of Georgia, widow of Thomas Leverett, deceased, praying for the benefit of the provision made by the act of 7th July, 1838, granting half-pay and pensions to certain widows: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Maclay: The memorial of Margaret M. Thomas, widow of Richard Thomas, late a carpenter in the United States navy, deceased, praying for a renewal of her pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Mann: The petition of Barbara Lancaster, formerly a widow of Hugh Greer, deceased, late a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying for the passage of an act vesting in her the title of the bounty land to which the said deceased was entitled.

By Mr. Leffler: The petition of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa, praying Congress to allow the said city a pre-emption right to a certain tract of land lying in front of the harbor of said city.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Mann: The petition of Abram Brinker, of Butler county, in the State of Pennsylvania—heretofore presented February 21, 1844.

By Mr. Haralson: The petition of Edward Clark and other heirs-at-law of Ephraim Clark, deceased, late a seaman in the squadron of John Paul Jones, praying for relief by awarding to them a sum equal to the distributive share of the said Ephraim Clark as a seaman in certain prizes taken from the enemy in the revolutionary war;

Also, the petition of Sally Taylor, of the State of Maine, sole heir of John Burbank, deceased, late master-at-arms in the squadron of John Paul Jones, praying for the same as the foregoing;

Also, the petition of similar import with the foregoing of Abigail Goodwin, of the State of Maine, sole heir of Thomas Hammitt, deceased, late a seaman in the squadron of Commodore John Paul Jones;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing of Lewis Goodwin and other heirs of Aaron Goodwin, deceased, late a seaman in the squadron of John Paul Jones;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing of Samuel

Stacy and other heirs-at-law of Samuel Stacy, deceased, late a sailingmaster in the squadron of John Paul Jones.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Caleb B. Smith: The petition of R. A. Clements, administrator of J. N. Mullican—heretofore presented December 18, 1845.

By Mr. Edwards: The petition of J. H. Zink, of Lancaster, in the State of Ohio, praying for remuneration for subsisting a company of volunteers prior to their being mustered into the service of the United States.

By Mr. Leffler: The petition of Joshua Barney, United States agent for the construction and improvement of roads and harbors in the Territory and State of Iowa, praying Congress to refund certain moneys overpaid by him in the construction of the military road in the State of Iowa;

Also, the petition of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa, praying Congress to donate to said city a dredge boat.

By Mr. Strohm: A document relating to the case of the widow of Lieut. Richard E. Cochran, deceased, for a horse lost in the service of the United States at the battle of Resaca de la Palma, in Mexico.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Morris: Five petitions of citizens of the counties of Highland, Clermont, and Brown, in the State of Ohio, praying for the reduction of postage on juvenile and all other newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Bedinger: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Jefferson county, in the State of Virginia.

By Mr. Ritchey: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Washington county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Mann: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Cambria county, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Cathcart: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Cass county, in the State of Indiana.

By Mr. Crowell: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Portage county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Andrew Stewart: Resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, for the repeal of the law of the 3d March, 1847, requiring postage to be paid on all newspapers circulating in the mails within thirty miles of the office of publication; and, also, that part of the law requiring the postage on transient newspapers to be pre-paid.

By Mr. Leffler: The petition of sundry citizens of Delaware county, in the State of Iowa, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Galena, in the State of Illinois, to Sturges's mills, in Black Hawk county, and State of Ohio.

By Mr. Rumsey: The petition of inhabitants of Potter county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Honeyoyo valley, in said State, to Wellsville, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Richardson: The petition of H. M. Barney, postmaster at Brimfield, in the State of Illinois, praying to be relieved from the payment of certain moneys destroyed by fire belonging to the United States.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Lumpkin: The petition of Wm. Fuller, praying remuneration for mail service performed under a contract with the post office department, and for which service the said department refuses to pay: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House then resumed the consideration of the resolutions reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, referring the various subjects contained in the annual message of the President of the United States to committees: when

Mr. Howell Cobb moved to amend the said resolutions by inserting in the 8th of the same, the words "*and other*," after personal.

And, after debate,

On motion of Mr. Pollock, the House, at 23 minutes before 4 o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1848.

Mr. John B. Thompson, from the Committee on Printing, to which was referred, on the 3d of January last, the resolution relative to the printing of extra copies of a report communicated by Colonel J. J. Abert to the Senate, on the 13th December last, made a report thereon, accompanied by the following resolution, viz:

"*Resolved*, That five thousand extra copies of Colonel J. J. Abert's report, which was communicated on the 13th December last, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of 17th January, 1847, be printed for the use of this House."

The said resolution was read; when

Mr. McClelland moved to amend it, by adding at the end thereof the following: "and that two hundred and fifty of the said extra copies be for the use of the Topographical Bureau:" which amendment was agreed to.

And the question was then put, Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Hunt gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Abraham Hogeboom.

The House then resumed the consideration of the resolutions reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on Tuesday last, providing for the reference of the annual message of the President of the United States to committees.

The question being on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. Howell Cobb, viz: insert in the said eighth resolution, after *personal*, the words "*and other*."

And, after debate, Mr. Vinton moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz:

"Will the House agree to the said amendment moved by Mr. Cobb?"

And decided in the affirmative.

The resolution was amended accordingly; and

The question recurred on agreeing to the said resolutions as amended; when

A division of the question, so as to take the question separately on each of the said resolutions, being demanded, it was divided accordingly, and the *first*, *second*, *third*, *fourth*, *fifth*, *sixth*, and *seventh* of the said resolutions were severally read and agreed to.

The question was then stated, Will the House agree to the eighth of the said resolutions?

A division of the question upon that resolution was demanded; and

The question was put, Will the House agree to the first clause of the said resolution? which was read as follows:

"*Eighth.* That so much of said message as relates to the revenue; to the public debt—to the increase thereof; to the creation of a sinking fund; to a duty on tea and coffee; to the collection, safe keeping, and disbursement of the public moneys; to the coinage, and the establishment of a branch mint at the city of New York; to the amendment of the sub-treasury act; to the estimated expenditures of the government, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means;"

And decided in the affirmative.

The residue of the said eighth resolution was then read as follows, viz:

"And that said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of raising annually, during the continuance of the war with Mexico, and until the payment of the public debt, the sum of 'five millions' of dollars, to be assessed on personal *and other* property, stocks, and money at interest, and apportioned among the several States, as provided by the Constitution;"

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 47 / Nays ..... 139

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. George Ashmun | Mr. Washington Hunt | Mr. Julius Rockwell |
| John M. Botts | Andrew Johnson | David Rumsey, jr. |
| Richard Brodhead | George W. Jones | Daniel B. St. John |
| Armistead Burt | William T. Lawrence | Eliakim Sherrill |
| Lucien B. Chase | Sidney Lawrence | Alexander D. Sims |
| Asa W. H. Clapp | Frederick W. Lord | John I. Slingerland |
| Franklin Clark | John A. McClernand | Caleb B. Smith |
| William Collins | Dudley Marvin | Robert Smith |
| John Crowell | Joseph Mullin | John Van Dyke |
| William Duer | William Nelson | John Wentworth |
| George Fries | Henry Nicoll | Hugh White |
| John P. Gaines | John G. Palfrey | Hezekiah Williams |
| Joshua R. Giddings | George Petrie | James S. Wiley |
| Daniel Gott | Timothy Pillsbury | David Wilmo |
| Dudley S. Gregory | Harvey Putnam | Joseph A. Woodward. |
| Joseph Grinnell | Gideon Reynolds | |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. Thomas H. Bayly |
| John Quincy Adams | Daniel M. Barringer | Richard L. T. Beale |
| Green Adams | Washington Barrow | Henry Bedinger |

Mr. Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French

Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
James H. Johnson
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann

Mr. George P. Marsh
Richard K. Meade
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
William W. Wick
James Wilson.

The ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth of the said resolutions were then severally read and agreed to; and the fourteenth resolution was read as follows:

"*Fourteenth.* That so much of said message as declares that it may become proper for our commanding generals in the field to give encouragement and assurances of protection to such friends of peace in Mexico as will establish a government there, able and willing to conclude a peace with us, 'and secure to us the indemnity we demand,' be referred to a select committee, to consist of nine members."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 98 / Nays ..... 88

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
George Ashmun

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard

Mr. John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner

Mr. Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings

Mr. William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey

Mr. John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
Willard P. Hall

Mr. David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy

Mr. Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

The fifteenth and last of the said resolutions was then read as follows:

"*Fifteenth*. That so much of said message as relates to the manner

in which the war with Mexico ought to be prosecuted, and the policy that should be pursued in respect to it, be referred to a select committee, to consist of nine members."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 114 / Nays ..... 71

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
James A. Black
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Linn Boyd
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Mr. Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
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Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
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Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb
John R. J. Daniel
James J. Faran
George Fries
Richard French
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
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George S. Houston
Alfred Iverson
James H. Johnson
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Mr. David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee

Mr. Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Mr. Alexander D. Sims
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Mr. Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot.

And so it was resolved,

*First.* That so much of the annual message of the President of the United States to the two Houses of Congress, at the present session, as has reference to the relations of the United States with foreign nations; to the causes that brought on the war with Mexico; to the alleged invasion by Mexico of the State of Texas; to the commencement of hostilities; to the efforts made by the President of the United States to obtaina peace; to the cession by Mexico to the United States of a portion of her territory, as an indemnity for our claims on her; to a release of Mexico from her liabilities to our citizens, and the assumption of their payment by the United States, together with the recommendation that the provinces of New Mexico and the Californias should be retained by the United States, as an indemnity—that they should hereafter be considered constituent parts of our country, and the civil laws and jurisdiction of the United States extended over them; and the recommendation that the other Mexican provinces which have been reduced to our possession by conquest should continue to be held, as a means of coercing Mexico to terms of peace; and that adequate compensation should be fixed by law for such officers, both civil and military, as may be employed to conduct such government, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

*Second.* That so much of said message as recommends that territorial governments be established in New Mexico and the Californias, and the establishment of a territorial government in Oregon, be referred to the Committee on Territories.

*Third.* That so much of said message as relates to the state and condition of the army, to its increase, and to its operations in Mexico, together with the report of the Secretary of War accompanying said message, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

*Fourth.* That so much of said message as relates to the establishment of tribunals to try and punish crimes, and exercise jurisdiction in civil cases, over American citizens in China; and so much as relates to the imposition and collection of duties on imports into the ports of Mexico, by order of the President of the United States, and the disbursement of the moneys so collected, be referred to the Committee on the Judicary, with instructions to said committee to inquire into and report by what law or authority said duties are imposed and said moneys disbursed.

*Fifth.* That so much of said message as relates to the commerce, onnage, and navigation of the country, and to the influence which the operations of the sub-treasury, the exclusion of the receipt of bank paper in payment of dues to the government, and the tariff act of the

30th of July, 1846, have had, and will have, on the trade and currency of the country, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

*Sixth.* That so much of said message as relates to the subject of manufactures, and to the influence of the tariff act of the 30th July, A. D. 1846, on the manufactures of the country, be referred to the Committee on Manufactures.

*Seventh.* That so much of said message as relates to the condition and operations of the navy, together with the accompanying report of the Secretary of the Navy, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

*Eighth.* That so much of said message as relates to the revenue; to the public debt—to the increase thereof; to the creation of a sinking fund; to a duty on tea and coffee; to the collection, safe keeping, and disbursement of the public moneys; to the coinage, and the establishment of a branch mint at the city of New York; to the amendment of the sub-treasury act; to the estimated expenditures of the government, together with so much of the accompanying report of the Secretary of the Treasury as relates to these subjects, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

*Ninth.* That so much of said message as relates to the public lands; to the graduation and reduction of the price thereof; to the amendment of the pre-emption laws; to the surveying and bringing into market of the lands in Oregon, together with so much of the accompanying report of the Secretary of the Treasury as relates to these subjects,—be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

*Tenth.* That so much of said message as relates to the Indian tribes, and to our intercourse with them, together with so much of the accompanying report of the Secretary of War as relates to this subject, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

*Eleventh.* That so much of said message as relates to the condition and operations of the Post Office Department; to the collection in the British post office of discriminating postages on letters and other mailable matter transported in American mail steamers, together with the accompanying report of the Postmaster General, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

*Twelfth.* That so much of said message as relates to agriculture, and to the relief which is therein alleged it has derived from the burdens of the protective policy, under the operation of the tariff act of the 30th July, 1846, and so much of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury as relates to this subject, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

*Thirteenth.* That so much of said message as recommends that provision be made for the families of those who have fallen or died in the service in Mexico, be referred to a select committee, to consist of nine members.

*Fourteenth.* That so much of said message as declares that it may become proper for our commanding generals in the field to give encouragement and assurances of protection to such friends of peace in Mexico as will establish a government there, able and willing to conclude a peace with us, "and secure to us the indemnity

we demand," be referred to a select committee, to consist of nine members.

*Fifteenth.* That so much of said message as relates to the manner in which the war with Mexico ought to be prosecuted, and the policy that should be pursued in respect to it, be referred to a select committee, to consist of nine members.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb, in pursuance of previous notice, obtained leave and introduced bills of the following titles:

No. 156. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to raise for a limited time an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, 1847;

No. 157. A bill to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. McKay, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 158) regulating the appointment of clerks in the executive departments, and for other purposes: which was read a first and second time, and left upon the Speaker's table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. McKay,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be the special order of the day for Thursday next.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the legal representatives of Joshua Kennedy, deceased, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 159) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow; and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, reported bills of the following titles:

No. 160. A bill for the relief of G. De Lirac;

No. 161. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain George R. Shoemaker, deceased;

No. 162. A bill for the relief of Charles Waldron;

severally accompanied by reports in writing: which bills were read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilmot, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Lyon and Howard, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 163) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of George Cochran, made an adverse report thereon: which was read, laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nelson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Elisha F. Richards, made a report thereon, ac-

companied by a bill (No. 164) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crowell, from the Committee of Claims, made a report upon the case of Jeremiah Moors, accompanied by a bill (No. 165) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crowell, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of James Little, of Thomas A. Williams, James Graham, and of Malachi Hogan: which reports were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Daniel, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Colonel Robert Wallace, aid-de-camp to General Wm. Hull, accompanied by a bill (No. 166) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of the legal representatives of Isaac D. Taulbee, deceased: which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Flournoy, from the same committee, made a report upon the case of the legal representatives of Nimrod Farrow and Richard Harris, accompanied by a bill (No. 167) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hunt, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a joint resolution (No. 10) extending the time for the erection of certain light-houses: which was read a first and second time: when

Mr. McKay moved that the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Robert W. Johnson moved, at two minutes before 3 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn: which motion was not agreed to.

The said bill was then ordered to be engrossed; and objection being raised to its third reading this day, the bill was left upon the Speaker's table.

Mr. Hunt, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 168. A bill making an appropriation for improving and repairing the harbor at Buffalo;

No. 169. A bill making an appropriation to improve the navigation of the Mississippi river;

No. 170. A bill making appropriations for the preservation and repairs of the public works upon certain harbors and rivers, and for the survey of certain harbors;

No. 171. A bill providing for the repair of certain marine hospitals:

which bills were severally read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Stanton: The petition of citizens of Fayette and Haywood counties, in the State of Tennessee, praying the establishment of a mail route from Brownsville, in Haywood county, to Somerville, in said State.

By Mr. William Thompson: The petition of citizens of Davis county, in the State of Iowa, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Alexandria, in the State of Missouri, to Fort Des Moines, in the State of Iowa.

By Mr. Dunn: The petition of citizens of Lawrence county, in the State of Indiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Salem to Bloomington.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of citizens of Summit county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a reduction of postage on transient newspapers.

By Mr. Nathan Evans: The petition of citizens of Muskingum county, in the State of Ohio, praying for reduction of postage on juvenile publications, and on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Clingman: The petition of E. M. C. Tate, postmaster at Ashville, in the State of North Carolina, praying that the old rate of per centage on commissions for night service by postmasters be restored.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Mullin: The petition of Jeremiah Carpenter—heretofore presented February 9, 1846.

By Mr. Gaines: The petition of C. M. Clay, of Kentucky, praying reimbursement for property lost in Mexico.

By Mr. Botts: The petition of Thomas Chaney, of Washington, D. C., praying payment for his services in painting, glazing, and varnishing for the government.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of the New Jersey Steam Navigation Company, and New York, Providence, and Boston Railroad Company, praying for compensation for supporting light-boat on Eel Grass shoal, in Fisher's Island sound.

By Mr. Charles E. Stuart: The petition of citizens of New Buffalo, in the State of Michigan, praying for an appropriation to improve the harbor at that place.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of citizens of Trumbull county, in the State of Ohio, praying for peace with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Mullin: The petition of Mary Ward—heretofore pre-

sented April 10, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. William Thompson: The petition of citizens of the State of Iowa, praying for the passage of an act allowing a pension to Theodorus Davis, for his services as a soldier in the United States army.

By Mr. Petrie: The petition of Seth Morton—heretofore presented June 24, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The memorial of Jacob Gould, of Rochester, in the State of New York, praying a change in the time of holding the United States district court in the northern district of the State of New York: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

And then, on motion of Mr. Crowell, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## FRIDAY, FERRUARY 4, 1848.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, which was delivered in at the Speaker's table.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boyd reported that the committee had had under consideration sundry private bills, and directed him to report—

No. 10. A bill for the relief of William Culver;

No. 13. A bill for the relief of Daniel Robinson;

No. 22. A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Clapper, of Muskingum county, in the State of Ohio;

No. 23. A bill for the benefit of Mrs. Harriet Barney;

No. 36. A bill for the relief of John Anderson;

No. 37. A bill for the relief of Joseph C. Doxey;

No. 38. A bill for the relief of S. Morris Waln;

No. 43. A bill for the relief of the legal heirs of John Snyder, deceased;

No. 49. A bill for the relief of Amzy Judd;

No. 51. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Mathew Stewart;

No. 56. A bill for the relief of Joseph and Lindley Ward;

No. 59. A bill for the relief of Mrs. Anne W. Angus;

No. 60. A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Mays;

No. 63. A bill for the relief of James H. Conley;

No. 71. A bill for the relief of Jesse Young;

No. 72. A bill for the relief of Silas Waterman;

severally, without amendment; and

No. 42. A bill for the relief of Amelia Brereton;

No. 47. A bill for the relief of Barclay and Livingston, and Smith, Thurgar, and Company;

severally, with amendments; and

The bill (No. 48) for the relief of the legal heirs and representatives of Nathaniel Cox, deceased, formerly navy agent at New Orleans, without amendment; and recommend that it be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bills: when bills Nos. 10, 13, 22, 23, 36, 37, 38, 43, 49, 51, 56, 59, 60, 63, 71, 72, were severally ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bills being engrossed, were severally read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

The amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the said bills numbered 42 and 47, were severally read and agreed to, and the bills were ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bills being engrossed, were severally read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, (No. 48:) when it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Jameson,

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns to-day, it will adjourn to meet on Monday next.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 75. An act for the relief of Richard Bloss and others;

No. 108. An act to further extend the patent of Jethro Wood;

No. 121. An act to pay James Crutchett two thousand dollars for lighting the Capitol and Capitol grounds;

were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 75. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 108. To the Committee on Patents.

No. 121. To the Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Hammons,

*Resolved*, That the Commissioner of Pensions be directed to deliver the papers of Daniel H. Warren in his application for a pension to any member of the Committee on Invalid or Revolutionary Pensions, such member giving his receipt for the same.

Two several messages from the President of the United States, heretofore received, were read, and are as follows:

FIRST MESSAGE.

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I transmit herewith the annual report of the director of the mint at Philadelphia, showing the operations of the mint and branch mints for the year 1847.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *January* 31, 1848.

*Ordered*, That the said message be laid upon the table, and printed.

SECOND MESSAGE.

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

In compliance with the request of the House of Representatives, contained in their resolution of the 31st of January, 1848, I communicate herewith a report of the Secretary of War, transmitting "a copy of General Taylor's answer to the letter dated January 27, 1847," addressed to him by the Secretary of War.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *February* 3, 1848.

*Ordered*, That the said message be laid upon the table, and printed.

Mr. Barrow moved that ten thousand copies of the last message be printed: which motion was laid over, under the rule.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Bocock: The petition of John Victor, of the State of Virginia, administrator of Sarah Victor, deceased, late widow of John Victor, deceased, praying for the arrears and increase of pension due the heirs of the said Sarah Victor;

Also, the petition of Elizabeth Simpson, of Campbell county, in the State of Virginia, widow of John Simpson, deceased, praying to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 4, 1836, granting pensions to certain widows of revolutionary soldiers;

Also, the petition of Elizabeth Williamson, of Amherst county, in the State of Virginia, late widow of Joseph Johnson, deceased, praying for the benefit of the provision of an act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, granting pensions to certain widows of soldiers of the revolution;

Also, the petition of Susan Oglesby, of Bedford county, in the State of Virginia, widow of Richard Oglesby, deceased, praying for the benefit of the provisions of certain acts of Congress granting pensions to widows of revolutionary soldiers;

Also, the petition of Christopher Moore, of Bedford county, in the State of Virginia, sole heir of Jacob Moore, deceased, and Ann Hancock, deceased, formerly widow of said Jacob Moore, praying for the pension to which, by law, his late mother, Ann Hancock, was entitled at the time of her death, in right of the services of her first husband, Jacob Moore.

By Mr. Shepperd: The petition of Elizabeth Wright, of Rockingham county, in the State of North Carolina, widow of William Wright, deceased, praying for the benefit of the provisions of certain acts of Congress granting half-pay and pensions to widows of revolutionary soldiers.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of Samuel Pool, of Shelby county, in the State of Indiana, praying for a pension in consideration of his services in the army of the United States.

By Mr. Howell Cobb: The petition of Catharine Freeman, of

Clark county, in the State of Georgia, widow John Freeman, deceased, praying for the benefit of the provision of an act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, granting half-pay and pensions to certain widows.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The petition of pilots and other citizens of St. Mary's, in the State of Georgia, praying for the removal of the light-house on Amelia island.

By Mr. Atkinson: The petition of collectors, naval officers, and surveyors of the customs, praying that the fifth section of the act of the 3d March, 1841, be so construed as to allow to the collectors, naval officers, and surveyors of the small ports the necessary expenses incident to their offices.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Richardson: The petition of Adolphus Allen, praying Congress to grant a charter for the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi river at the town of Des Moines: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. McClelland: The petition of Orville B. Dibble and George C. Bates, of the city of Detroit, in the State of Michigan, praying for a grant to an incorporated company of the right of way through government lands for the construction of a ship canal around the falls of St. Mary's; and, also, an appropriation of land to aid in constructing the work.

By Mr. Andrew Stewart: The petition of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the general government no longer traffic nor permit traffic in the public lands, and that they be laid out in farms for the free use of such citizens as will occupy them, not possessed of other lands.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The petition of Samuel Witherow, sr., of Gettysburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that Congress will not grant a further extension to Jethro Wood of a patent for certain cast-iron ploughs: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Also, the petition of citizens of the city of Rochester, in the State of New York, praying that the laws in relation to drawback and warehousing be so extended as to allow the introduction of Canadian wheat into the United States to be manufactured into flour, under bond, and that upon the exportation of said flour said bonds be cancelled: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Williams: The petition of Hannah Weston, widow of Josiah Weston, deceased—heretofore presented December 26, 1844.

By Mr. Goggin: The petition of Sarah Teas, of Nelson county, in the State of Virginia, widow of William Teas, deceased—heretofore presented January 8, 1845.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The petition of Jesse Gordon, of Jackson county, in the State of Illinois, a revolutionary soldier, praying for increase of his pension.

By Mr. Thomas: The petition of Tabatha Temple, of Hickman county, in the State of Tennessee, one of the heirs of John Tinsley, deceased, praying for the compensation her late father was entitled to for his services in the revolutionary war.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of Arthur Wilson, of Carroll county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a pension in consideration of wounds and disabilities incurred in the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Fisher: The petition of Joseph Parret—heretofore presented December 23, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Tweedy: The memorial of citizens of the Territory of Wisconsin and the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Southport, in the Territory of Wisconsin, to Richmond, in the county of McHenry, and State of Illinois.

By Mr. Charles E. Stuart: The petition of citizens of Eaton and Ingham counties, in the State of Michigan, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Marshall to Michigan, the capital of said State.

By Mr. Ficklin: The petition of citizens of Moultrie county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Charleston, in Coles county, to Decatur, in Macon county.

By Mr. Butler: The petition of citizens of Columbia county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the change of the present mail route from Pottsville to Cattawissa, to start from Pottsville and end at Towanda, in Bradford county; and also, a daily mail from Pottsville to Bloomington, and continue thence to Towanda, *via* Orangeville.

By Mr. Morse: The petition of citizens of Claiborne parish, in the State of Louisiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Alexandria to Mount Lebanon, in said State.

By Mr. Butler: The petition of citizens of Luzerne county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying an immediate and proportionate reduction of postage on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches;

Also, the petition of citizens of Luzerne county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the existing laws be so altered as to allow newspapers to be transmitted through the mail free of postage, in the counties and within thirty miles of the offices of publication; and also, that the law requiring three cents pre-paid on transient newspapers be repealed.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Crozier: Additional evidence in the case of Elizabeth Cook: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then, on motion of Mr. Richardson, the House, at seven minutes before 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## MONDAY, February 7, 1848.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

No. 47. An act making an appropriation for removing obstructions in the Savannah river;

No. 48. An act for the relief of Peter Capella, administrator of Andrew Capella, deceased; and for the relief of John Capo; and for the relief of Elijah Petty, and Hannah Petty, his wife, heirs of John Beardon, deceased;

No. 51. An act for the relief of Charles L. Dell;

No. 55. An act for the relief of Richard S. Coxe;

No. 61. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Hoggatt;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate, in the absence of the Vice President, have chosen the honorable David R. Atchison President of the Senate, *pro tempore.*

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, the rules being suspended for the purpose, it was

*Resolved*, That the President be requested to furnish this House with copies of all letters received at the War Office from General Taylor, from the 1st to the 22d of February, 1847, inclusive, which have not heretofore been made public, and so far as the same may not be prejudicial to the public interests.

Mr. Hunt, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for leave to introduce a joint resolution expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Winfield Scott, and the troops under his command, for their distinguished gallantry and good conduct in the campaign of 1847.

Objection being made to granting leave,

Mr. Hunt moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce his said resolution.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, (two-thirds voting in favor thereof,) { Yeas ..... 167 / Nay ..... 1 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Washington Barrow
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Jasper E. Brady

Mr. William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell

Mr. John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston

Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King

Mr. Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root

Mr. David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
James Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

One member voted in the negative,

Mr. Joshua R. Giddings.

The rules being suspended, Mr. Hunt introduced his said resolution, (No. 11;) which was read a first and second time; and

The question was stated, Shall the said resolution be engrossed? when

Mr. Hunt moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the resolution be engrossed?

And decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Henley moved that the vote on ordering the said resolution to be engrossed be reconsidered.

And, after debate, Mr. Botts moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the said vote be reconsidered?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 86 / Nays ..... 103

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale

Mr. Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham

Mr. James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd

Mr. William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Mr. Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sere
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Mr. Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
James A. Black
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Richard Brodhead
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Mr. John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
James McDowell
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Mr. David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

The said resolution, being engrossed, was thereupon read the third time; and the question was stated, "Shall it pass?" when Mr. Hunt moved the previous question, which was seconded, and

the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the said joint resolution pass?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 197 / Nay ..... 1

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin

Mr. David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
George Fries
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann

Mr. George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson

Mr. Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Mr. Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
Mr. Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

One member voted in the negative,

Mr. Joshua R. Giddings.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said joint resolution.

On motion of Mr. Botts, (the rules being suspended for the purpose,) it was

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House whether any communication has been received from Mexico containing propositions from the Mexican authorities or commissioners for a treaty of peace; and, if so, that he communicate the same, if it can be done without detriment to the public interests.

Mr. Stephens introduced a joint resolution of the following title, (the rules being supended for the purpose,) viz:

No. 12. Joint resolution of thanks to Major General Taylor; which said resolution was read a first and second time: when

Mr. Stephens moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the said resolution was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Stephens moved that the vote by which the said resolution was ordered to be engrossed be reconsidered.

Mr. Root moved that the said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; which motion was agreed to.

And the said resolution, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when

Mr. Stephens moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall it pass?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 181 / Nay ..... 1 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
Green. Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Mr. Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
Mr. John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin

Mr. David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
George Fries
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King

Mr. Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman

Mr. Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
James Wilson.

One member voted in the negative,

Mr. Joshua R. Giddings.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 62. An act amending the act entitled "An act granting half-pay to widows or orphans where their husbands and fathers have died of wounds received in the military service of the United States in cases of deceased officers and soldiers of the militia and volunteers," passed July 4, 1836;

No. 63. An act in addition to an act for the relief of Walter Loomis and Abel Gay, approved July 2, 1836;

No. 65. An act for the relief of Edward Bolon;

No. 66. An act confirming former sales, by the State of Illinois, of the Ohio Saline reservations, and authorizing the sale of the residue of such reservations;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Wilmot having obtained the general consent of the House to make a personal explanation, Mr. James Thompson asked leave to reply to some remarks which had fallen from his colleague. Objection being made, he moved a suspension of the rules for that purpose;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Giddings offered the following joint resolution, (the rules being suspended for the purpose,) viz:

No. 13. Joint resolution of thanks to Albert Gallatin; which resolution was read a first and second time: when

Mr. Murphy moved, at 3 o'clock and ten minutes, that the House adjourn; which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Giddings moved to amend the said resolution, by striking out the words "more than twenty," before the word *thousands*, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "*many*;" which amendment was agreed to.

The question was stated, Shall the said resolution be engrossed? when

Mr. Wentworth moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and stated, Shall the said resolution be engrossed? when

Mr. Dunn moved that it be laid upon the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 133 / Nays ..... 45

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield

Mr. John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
George Fries
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston

Mr. Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead

Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Mr. David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Mr. Patrick W. Tompkins
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
George Ashmun
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Harmon S. Conger
John Crowell
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
George N. Eckert
Mr. Thomas O. Edwards
Nathan Evan
David Fisher
John Freedley
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Mr. William T. Lawrence
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
William Nelson
William A. Newall
John G. Palfrey
Julius Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
Robert C. Schenck
John I. Slingerland
John Strohm
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
James Wilson.

So the said resolution was laid upon the table.

Mr. George S. Houston, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution; which was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to furnish to this House copies of all correspondence between the Secretary of War and Major General Scott, and between the Secretary of War and Major General Taylor, and between Major General Scott and N. P. Trist, late commissioner of the United States to Mexico, and between the latter and the Secretary of State, which has not heretofore been published, and the publication of which may not be incompatible with the public interest.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Bowlin: The petition of citizens of the State of Missouri, praying for a grant to said State of each alternate section of land held by the United States, for five miles on each side of a proposed railroad from the city of Lexington to Ohio City, to be applied towards the construction of said road.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of Charles Gardner, of the State of Illinois, praying for a grant of land to improve the navigation of the Iroquois and Kankakee rivers, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. —— ——: The joint resolution of the State of Indiana,

the State of Indiana, praying for the passage of a law providing for the payment of the claim of Francis Vigo, deceased.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The petition of John Hamilton, of Alton, in the State of Illinois, praying that certain moneys be refunded, which were paid by him for bounty to soldiers during the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Daniel: The petition of James Owen, of Wilmington, in the State of North Carolina, legal representative of James Porterfield deceased, praying that a balance standing to the credit of said Porterfield on the books of the Treasury Department, with interest thereon, be paid to him.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The petition of Ephraim Finch and others, in behalf of Thomas Duer, praying that his claim against the United States be allowed.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Irwin: The petition of the heirs of Michael Cryder, deceased—heretofore presented April 15, 1844.

By Mr. Palfrey: The petition of Nathan Brooks, of Concord, in the State of Massachusetts, administrator of Samuel Burr, deceased, praying Congress to provide for the payment of certain certificates issued from the United States loan office in the year 1777.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Meade: The remonstrance of Schenck and Downing, of the city and State of New York, against the renewal, to Oliver C. Harris, of an expired patent for a paint mill: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Lumpkin: The memorial of Lowry Williams, of the State of Georgia, praying Congress to provide for the payment of the one-half of the value of his improvements, as assessed by the agents appointed for that purpose, in accordance with the provisions of the Cherokee treaty of 1835: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Freedley: Resolutions and proceedings of a public meeting held in the 5th congressional district, in the State of Pennsylvania, in relation to the war with Mexico.

By Mr. Robert W. Johnson: The petition of Lewis Marchand, of Little Rock, in the State of Arkansas, praying indemnity for French spoliations prior to 1800.

*Ordered*, That said resolutions and petition be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Inge: The petition of David Black, and citizens of the State of Alabama in his behalf, praying that his pension for revolutionary services may be increased: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Turner: The petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying that the right of pre-emption to the public lands through which the Central railroad passes may be granted to the State of Illinois.

By Mr. Dickey: The petition of citizens of Beaver county, in the

State of Pennsylvania, praying that the public lands be laid out in small farms, for the free use of such citizens (not possessed of other lands) as will occupy them.

By Mr. Bowlin: The petition of Hiram Pearsons, and other citizens of the State of Missouri, praying a grant of one-half the public lands in the Jackson district to the State of Missouri, on condition that the said State drain certain swamps.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. John W. Houston: The petition of masters of vessels, and other citizens of the State of Delaware, praying for an appropriation for an ice harbor at Delaware city, in the Delaware river.

By Mr. Robert W. Johnson: The petition of citizens of the States of Arkansas and Texas, praying for the removal of the Red river raft.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of John Hardorp, of the city and State of New York, praying for a remission of a penalty incurred under the revenue laws.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Nathan Evans: The petition of Peter Cornyn—heretofore presented February 13, 1836;

Also, the petition of Zachariah Lawrence—heretofore presented December 19, 1845.

By Mr. Morehead: The petition of Thomas L. Judge, praying for the refunding of a sum of money advanced by him to the Seminole Indians.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Bowlin: The petition of citizens of the counties of Madison and Wayne, in the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Fredericktown, in Madison county, to Lownds, in Wayne county, in said State.

By Wentworth: The memorial of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Little Fort, in Lake county, to Beloit, in Rock county, and Territory of Wisconsin.

By Mr. Robert W. Johnson: The memorial of citizens of the State of Arkansas, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Washington, in Hempstead county, to Dallas, in Polk county, in said State.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of citizens of Columbiana county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a daily mail route from Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, to Mansfield, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Turner: The memorial of citizens of Lee and Lasalle counties, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Lasalle to Paw Paw Grove, in Lee county;

Also, the memorial of citizens of Lee county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Peru to Daysville, in said State.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of citizens of Montgomery county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for a reduction of postage on juvenile publications, and on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Robert Smith: Two memorials of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of St. Clair and Madison counties, in the State of Illinois.

By Mr. Cummins: Two memorials of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of the counties of Tuscarawas and Coshocton, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Dickey: Two memorials of citizens of Washington and Beaver counties, in the State of Pennsylvania, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Lincoln: A memorial of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Tazewell county, in the State of Illinois.

By Mr. Crowell: Two petitions of similar import, from citizens of Trumbull and Portage counties, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Wick: The petition of citizens of Shelby county, in the State of Indiana, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

And then, on motion of Mr. Richardson, the House, at 3 o'clock and thirty-six minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, February 8, 1848.

Mr. Brodhead, by unanimous consent, introduced the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House ascertain the usual amount of the expense of burial of a deceased member of this House, at the Congressional burying ground, near this city; and such amount, when ascertained, the Clerk shall report to the Committee on Accounts, who shall examine the same; and, if approved by said committee, the Clerk shall thereupon pay the amount so reported by said committee to Mrs. Hornbeck, widow of the late honorable John W. Hornbeck, deceased, late a member of this House from the State of Pennsylvania: and that the Speaker pay to the said Mrs. Hornbeck the balance of the daily pay and mileage due her late husband on the day of his death, to wit, on the 16th of January, 1848.

The said resolution was read; and, after debate,

Mr. McClelland moved that it be referred to the Committee on Accounts: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. John B. Thompson, by unanimous consent, presented resolutions of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, on the subject of newspaper postage: which were read, and referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. St. John, by unanimous consent, presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York, on the subject of slavery in New Mexico and California, or in any territory hereafter to be ac-

quired by this government: which were read, and laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of Elijah H. Willis, reported a bill (No. 172) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 173) "to establish the collection district of Wareham, in the State of Massachusetts:" which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of A. G. Benson and others, reported a bill (No. 174) "to authorize the issue of a register to the barque Wilhamet:" which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The said bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Grinnell, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 175) to change the location of certain light-houses and buoys: which was read a first and second time.

Mr. Ficklin moved that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; which motion was not agreed to: and it was then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Thibodeaux,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of citizens of New Hampshire for an additional inspector of the customs, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Hunt, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 176) for the improvement of certain harbors in the Territory of Wisconsin: which was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hunt, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 177) authorizing an additional number of inspectors in the district of New Orleans: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Hunt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the consideration of the memorial of the chamber of commerce of

Savannah, for the erection of a custom-house, and that the same be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Simpson, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the petition for the licensing of yatchs, reported a bill (No. 178) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to license yatchs, and for other purposes: which was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 85) entitled "An act to provide for the compensation of Samuel Leech for services in the investigation of suspended sales in the Mineral Point district, Wisconsin," reported the same with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Collamer, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 179) in explanation of an act entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights:" which was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Putnam, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of William W. Gitt: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Goggin, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, made a report upon the resolution of the House of the 17th ultimo, relative to the terms upon which the Postmaster General can be released from the contract made by him during the past year for the transportation of the great southern mail from Baltimore down the bay: which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Goggin, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 180) to amend the act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes: which was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report upon the petition of John P. Skinner and the legal representatives of Isaac Green, accompanied by a bill (No. 181) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the consideration of the memorial of the Central Railroad and Banking Company for the cancelling of a certain bond, and that it be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Ashmun, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (No. 182) to amend an act entitled "An act in amendment of the acts respecting the judicial system of the United States:" which

was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The said bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Ashmun, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Hannah Avery: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. French, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill (No. 82) to amend the act entitled "An act extending the jurisdiction of the district courts to certain cases upon the lakes and navigable waters connecting the same," approved the 26th of February, 1845, reported the same without amendment, and recommend that it do not pass.

Mr. French moved that the bill be laid upon the table; which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Lumpkin, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred bill of the House No. 152, for dividing the State of Georgia into two judicial districts, and organizing and establishing an additional district court of the United States, with circuit court powers and jurisdiction, reported the same without amendment; and

Thereupon it was

*Ordered*, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Nathan K. Hall,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of "Joshua Tarkington and others, asking to have the parish of Jackson and a portion of the parish of Claiborne included in the Ouachita land district," and that it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Nathan K. Hall, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (No. 183) for the relief of the legal representative of William McKenzie, late a seaman on board the United States ship Vincennes, accompanied by a report: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tallmadge, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported a bill (No. 184) to amend the charter of the Provident Association of Clerks, in the city of Washington: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Daniel P. King,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of "citizens of Warren county, New York, asking for the continuance of pensions granted to widows of revolutionary officers and soldiers during

their natural lives," and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Daniel P. King, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report upon the petition of the grandchildren of Major General Baron De Kalb, accompanied by a bill (No. 185) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Morris, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of the legal representatives of Lieutenant Francis Ware, accompanied by a bill (No. 186) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Morris, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Isaac Porter: which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brady, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, made a report upon the petition of James B. Davenport, accompanied by a bill (No. 187) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rumsey, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Frederic Durrire, accompanied by a bill (No. 188) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rumsey, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Elisha Thomason, accompanied by a bill (No. 189) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harmanson, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of James B. Sexton, accompanied by a bill (No. 190) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harmanson, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of "heirs and assigns of Elizabeth Burriss," accompanied by a bill (No. 191) to confirm Elizabeth Burriss, her heirs, or assigns, in their title to a tract of land: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harmanson, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of the widow and heirs of Francis Gramillion, accompanied by a bill (No. 192) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wick, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of William Triplett, accompanied by a bill (No. 193) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wick, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Simon Rodrigues, accompanied by a bill (No. 194) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wick, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which the petition of Marcus Fulton Johnson was referred, reported a bill (No. 195) "for the relief of Marcus Fulton Johnson:" which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wick, from the same committee, to which the petition of James Morgan was referred, reported a bill (No. 196) "supplemental to the act approved the 6th day of July, 1842, entitled 'An act confirming certain land claims in Louisiana:'" which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and said bill ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Wick,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Jacob Kerr, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Andrew Johnson, from the same committee, made an adverse report on the petition of James Swan and others: which was laid on the table.

Mr. Andrew Johnson, from the same committee, made an adverse report on the petition of Adino Goodenough: which was laid on the table.

Mr. Tompkins, from the same committee, made an adverse report on the petition of Henry Reeks: which was laid on the table.

Mr. Daniel P. King moved that Mr. Rose be excused from further service upon the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, on account of ill health: which motion was agreed to; and

Thereupon Mr. Tallmadge was appointed in his place upon said committee.

A message was received from the President of the United States by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, which was read, and is as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

In compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 31st January last, I communicate herewith the report of the Secretary of State, accompanied by "the documents and correspondence, not already published, relating to the final adjustment

of the difficulties between Great Britain and the United States concerning rough rice and paddy."

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *February* 8, 1848.

*Ordered*, That the said message be laid upon the table and printed.

By unanimous consent of the House, bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 15. An act to allow further time for satisfying claims for bounty lands, for military services in the late war with Great Britain, and for other purposes;

No. 39. An act to provide additional examiners in the Patent Office, and for other purposes;

No. 47. An act making an appropriation for removing obstructions in the Savannah river;

No. 48. An act for the relief of Peter Capella, administrator of Andrew Capella, deceased; and for the relief of John Capo; and for the relief of Elijah Petty, and Hannah Petty, his wife, heirs of John Beardon, deceased;

No. 51. An act for the relief of Charles S. Dell;

No. 55. An act for the relief of Richard S. Coxe;

No. 61. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Hoggatt;

No. 62. An act amending the act entitled "An act granting half-pay to widows or orphans, where their husbands and fathers have died of wounds received in the military service of the United States," in cases of deceased officers and soldiers of the militia and volunteers, passed July 4, 1836;

No. 63. An act in addition to an act for the relief of Walter Loomis and Abel Gay, approved July 2, 1836;

No. 65. An act for the relief of Edward Boulon;

No. 66. An act confirming former sales, by the State of Illinois, of the Ohio saline reservations, and authorizing the sale of the residue of such reservations;

No. 118. An act to enable and authorize the accounting officers of the treasury to audit and settle the accounts of certain acting officers therein mentioned;

No. 124. An act to extend the provisions of the existing pension laws to enlisted men of the ordnance corps of the United States army,

were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 15. To the Committee on Public Lands.

No. 39. To the Committee on Patents.

No. 47. To the Committee on Commerce.

No. 48. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 51. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

No. 55. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 61. To the Committee on Private Land Claims.

No. 62. To the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

No. 63. To the Committee of Claims.

No. 65. To the Committee of Claims.

No. 66. To the Committee on Public Lands.

No. 118. To the Committee on Naval Affairs.

No. 124. To the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Botts reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 104) "to authorize a loan, not to exceed the sum of eighteen millions five hundred thousand dollars," and had come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Cathcart: The memorial of citizens of Fulton county, in the State of Indiana, praying for a reduction of postage on juvenile publications, and on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Embree: Two memorials of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Orange and Posey counties, in the State of Indiana.

By Mr. Dickinson: Three petitions of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Hancock and Sandusky counties, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Taylor: Two petitions of similar import, from citizens of Brown and Adams counties, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Murphy: The petition of citizens of McMinn county, in the State of Tennessee, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, a petition of citizens of Bennington, in the State of Vermont, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Frederick county, in the State of Maryland;

Also, a petition of similar import, from citizens of Carroll county, in the State of New Hampshire;

Also, a petition of citizens of Lownds county, in the State of Mississippi, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of McHenry county, in the State of Illinois;

Also, a memorial of similar import, from citizens of the State of Alabama;

Also, three memorials of similar import, from citizens of the State of Maine;

Also, two memorials of similar import, from citizens of the State of Delaware;

Also, three memorials of similar import, from citizens of the State of Massachusetts;

Also, four memorials of similar import, from citizens of the State of Michigan;

Also, three memorials of similar import, from citizens of the State of Connecticut;

Also, two memorials of similar import, from citizens of the State of New Jersey;

Also, three memorials of similar import, from citizens of the State of Virginia;

Also, ten memorials of similar import, from citizens of the State of Pennsylvania;

Also, twenty-four memorials of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of the State of New York.

By Mr. Morris: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Highland county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Rumsey: The petition of citizens of Steuben county, in the State of New York, praying for additional compensation to deputy postmasters, where they are obliged to open the mail in the night.

By Mr. Schenck: The petition of citizens of Preble county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Eaton, in said county, to Greenville, in Dark county.

By Mr. Tweedy: Two petitions of citizens of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Southport, in said Territory, to Antioch, in the State of Illinois.

By Mr. Giddings: The memorial of citizens of Ashtabula county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a change in a mail route, and the establishment of a new post office.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The memorial of Simon Brown, praying compensation for certain manuscripts, which form part of a list of all the claims that have been presented to the House since the 14th Congress: which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

By Mr. ————: The memorial of citizens of Atalanta, in the State of Georgia, praying for the establishment of an arsenal at that place: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Daniel: The memorial of the heirs of John Slaughter—heretofore presented March 15, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Garnett Duncan: The petition of Peyton A. Key, of the city of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, praying to be refunded certain moneys advanced by him to the agent of the government, for transportation and subsistence of troops;

Also, the petition of William J. Heady, praying indemnity for money lost on saddles purchased for the use of the army.

By Mr. Willard P. Hall: The petition of citizens of Ray county, in the State of Missouri, in behalf of J. E. Ball and G. I. Watson, praying compensation for special mail service.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Crowell: The memorial of citizens of Mahoning county, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to pass a law prohibiting the sale of the public lands, except to actual settlers, and not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres to each: which was referred to Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of citizens of Stark and Portage

counties, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to take measures to propose an amendment to the Constitution, such as shall dissolve the Union between the northern and southern States, or otherwise release the non-slaveholding States from all legal obligation in upholding slavery;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Randolph county, in the State of Ohio.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of Potter & Colgate—heretofore presented February 5, 1840: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Isaac E. Holmes: The memorial of the chamber of commerce of the city of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, praying for the establishment of a branch of the United States mint in said city: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The concurrent resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York in relation to slavery in the conquered provinces of New Mexico and California.

Mr. Putnam presented resolutions of similar import: which were referred to the Committee on the Territories.

By Mr. Schenck: The petition of Catharine Rinker, widow of Samuel Rinker, deceased, late a sailing master in the United States navy, praying for the re-enactment of the navy pension law;

Also, the petition of Nathaniel and Catharine Lawrence, of the State of New York, praying for a pension in consideration of the services and premature death, from exposure, of their late son, Lieutenant N. S. Lawrence, deceased, late of the United States navy;

Also, the petition of Nathaniel and Catharine Lawrence, of the State of New York, parents of the late John C. Lawrence, of the navy of the United States, praying for a pension in consideration of the services and premature loss of their said son while in the public service.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The petition of John D. Gibson, praying that the compensation promised him when appointed acting purser of the United States schooner Enterprise, which was disallowed him in the settlement of his account, may now be paid;

Also, the petition of professors of mathematics in the United States navy, praying for the passage of a law providing a more adequate compensation for professors in the naval school and naval observatory.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Schenck: The memorial of Ruth Freeman, widow of Thomas Freeman, deceased—heretofore presented December 15, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

By Mr. Giddings: Two memorials of citizens of Madison and Lake counties, in the State of Ohio, praying for the withdrawal of our troops from Mexico, and that a speedy end be put to the Mexi-

can war: which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Dickinson: Two memorials of citizens of Wyandotte county, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to carry into effect the provisions of the treaty of Brownstown for a southerly road from Lower Sandusky: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at twenty-five minutes before 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned, until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## WEDNESDAY, February 9, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Botts,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the citizens of the State of Tennessee, relative to the erection of a monument to the memory of Merriwether Lewis, and that it be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Botts,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of S. Decatur Twiggs, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Botts,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of B. M. Bouton, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Botts, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill (No. 57) from the Senate entitled "An act to promote the filling up of vacancies in the volunteer corps now in the service of the United States," reported the same with an amendment: which bill was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Burt, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of the legal representatives of Antonio Pacheco, accompanied by a bill (No. 197) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dickey, from the same committee, submitted the views of a minority of said committee upon the said petition: which were committed to the same Committee of the Whole, and ordered to be printed with the report of the majority.

Mr. Dickey, by general consent, moved that five thousand copies extra of the said report of the majority and views of the minority be printed: which motion was laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Botts, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 105) to provide additional quarters, near to New Orleans, for United States soldiers and volunteers returning from or going to the seat of war in Mexico, reported the same without amendment; when it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time.

And thereupon the said bill was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Boyd, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill (No. 89) to amend an act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, 1847, reported back the same without amendment, and with a recommendation that it do not pass.

On motion of Mr. Boyd,

*Ordered*, That said bill be laid upon the table.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report upon the petition of Joseph Bryan, accompanied by a bill (No. 198) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. T. Butler King,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Daniel Palmer and Colonel Hugh W. Dobbin, and that they be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Cabell, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report upon the petition of John W. Simonton and others, accompanied by a bill (No. 199) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. White, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of the widow and heirs-at-law of Silas Duncan, accompanied by a bill (No. 200) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. White, from the same committee, reported a joint resolution (No. 14) concerning the settlement of the accounts of William Speiden, as purser in the navy of the United States: which was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Caleb B. Smith, from the Committee on Territories, reported a bill (No. 201) to establish the territorial government of Oregon: which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Caleb B. Smith, the said bill was made the special order of the day for Monday, the 14th day of March next, two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Washington Lamb and others for an increase of their pensions, and from the

petition of the children of Lucina and Daniel Hurd; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Cocke, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Lucy Johnson, John Young, Samuel Pool, Caroline W. Cone, John Mucheson, Anna Hamilton, and Charlotte McCain: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the bill (No. 150) for the relief of the heirs of Mathew Rae, a lieutenant in the revolutionary war; and that it be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Sidney Lawrence,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Elizabeth Rose; and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Samuel Gregory: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bocock, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of the heirs of Prudent La Jeunesse, of Jacob Olinger, and of Bersheba McDaniel: which reports were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cummins, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Sarah May, widow of John May, and of Francis G. De Liessielin: which reports were laid upon the table.

Mr. Hammons, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Phebe Brown, of Mehetabel Marble, and of Phineas Raymond: which reports were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Hammons,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Hugh W. Dobbin; and that it be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 202. A bill for the relief of William Blake;

No. 203. A bill for the relief of Jonathan Fitzwater;

No. 204. A bill for the relief of Sarah Hildreth;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Fulton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Jesse Doane; and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Wiley, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 205. A bill for the relief of William Pool;

No. 206. A bill for the relief of Aaron Tucker;

No. 207. A bill for the relief of Samuel Cony;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and said bills and reports were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Venable, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of the heirs of William Evans, accompanied by a bill (No. 208) for their relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the said bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eckert, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of William P. Brady, accompanied by a bill (No. 209) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and said bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Hervey Jones, accompanied by a bill (No. 210) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and said bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, made an adverse report on the petition of John Morrison: which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Truman Smith, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, made a report on the petition of Charles G. Ridgley, to accompany the bill (No. 7) directing the mode of settling his claims, (which bill was reported on the 21st of December last:) which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farrelly, from the Committee on Patents, made a report on the petition of Stephen Bowerman: which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 63. An act in addition to an act for the relief of Walter Loomis and Abel Gray, approved July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six;

S. No. 64. An act to authorize the settlement of the accounts of Joseph Nourse, deceased;

S. No. 65. An act for the relief of Edward Boulon,

reported the same severally without amendment.

*Ordered*, That said bills be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 211) providing for the punishment of false swearing in certain cases: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of James Monroe: which was ordered to be laid upon the table and printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, made an

adverse report upon the petition of Lewis Roberts: which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the legal representatives of Udney Hay, asking for the payment of certain loan office certificates, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Crowell, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of William T. Holland, accompanied by a bill (No. 212) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of William Stocks, of Alabama, asking pay for a wagon and horses: which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilmot, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Mary B. Renner, widow of Daniel Renner, accompanied by a bill (No. 213) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilmot, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Noah A. Phelps, accompanied by a bill (No. 214) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Flournoy, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of John Martin: which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Peter Shaffer, accompanied by bill (No. 215) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of the legal representatives of Colonel Francis Vigo, deceased, accompanied by a bill (No. 216) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn, by leave, presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of Indiana, relative to the claim of Colonel Francis Vigo, late a citizen of Knox county, Indiana: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McClelland, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, made an adverse report upon the petition of Horatio Sprague: which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bowlin, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 217) to ascertain and fix the fees taxable in favor of the attorney of the United States for Missouri,

for services rendered in the circuit court of the United States for the district of Missouri: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Moses Hampton, by leave, presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, relative to cheap postage: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bowlin, in pursuance of previous notice, asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 218) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the better security of passengers on board of vessels propelled, in whole or in part, by steam," approved July 9, 1838: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. T. Butler King: The memorial of citizens of Lownds county, in the State of Georgia, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Troupville, in said State, to Columbus, in the State of Florida.

By Mr. Green: The memorial of sundry citizens of the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Alexandria, in the State of Missouri, to Fort Des Moines, in the State of Iowa.

By Mr. James Thompson: The petition of citizens of Crawford and Warren counties, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Titusville, in Crawford county, to Columbus, in Warren county;

Also, the petition of citizens of Potter county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Honeyoyo valley to Wellsville, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Sawyer: The memorial of citizens of Henry and Lucas counties, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Waterville, in Lucas county, to Bryan, in the county of Williams, in said State.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The memorial of citizens of St. Clair county, in the State of Illinois, praying for a reduction of postage on juvenile publications, and on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Charles E. Stuart: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Berrien county, in the State of Michigan.

By Mr. Ficklin: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Richland county, in the State of Illinois.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Conger: The memorial of citizens of Cortlandville, in the State of New York, praying Congress to inquire into the facts in relation to the legality of slavery, and give a full report of its opinions upon the subject, for the information of the people;

Also, the petition of citizens of Cortland county, in the State of New York, praying for the abolishment of slavery in the District of Columbia, and in all territories subject to the laws of Congress;

Also, two memorials of citizens of Cayuga county, in the State of New York, praying Congress and the Executive to take the necessary steps for securing an immediate and permanent peace with Mexico, by withdrawing our troops, and restoring to her the provinces we now occupy.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Nicholl: The petition of Charles Ahrenfeldt and John F. H. Vogt, of the city and State of New York, praying for a return of excess of duties paid on prisms, imported by them in June, 1845.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of James Sloam, of the State of New York—heretofore presented March 20, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Also, resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York, in relation to slavery in the conquered territories of New Mexico and California: which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. Palfrey: The petition of Jesse Haven, guardian of Artemas Conant, of the State of Massachusetts, praying for arrearage of pension to the said Conant: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Morse: The petition of Richard C. Stockton, tutor of the minor Octave De LaHoupoje, of the city of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, praying for an amendment to an act confirming the heirs of De LaHoupoje to a certain tract of land: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Alexander Evans: The memorial of citizens of Havre de Grace, in the State of Maryland, praying for an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at that place: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Caleb B. Smith: The memorial of citizens of the State of Indiana, praying Congress to withhold any further supplies for prosecuting the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Palfrey: The memorial of Bridget Stone, of Shrewsbury, in the State of Massachusetts, widow of Josiah Stone, deceased, praying for the benefit of the provisions of various acts passed, granting half-pay and pensions to certain widows: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Duer: The remonstrance of E. F. Cook and Company, of Sangerfield, in the State of New York, against the renewal to O. C. Harris of a patent for a paint mill: which was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

On motion of Mr. Howell Cobb, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Botts reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 104) "to authorize a loan not to exceed the sum of eighteen millions five hundred thousand dollars," and had come to no resolution thereon.

By general consent, Mr. Vinton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 219) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1849: which was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in compliance with the resolution of the House of the 17th ultimo, copies of the report and map of Lieutenant Emory of the route of the army under General Kearny from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean, with such parts of the report of Captain Cooke as related to his deviation from such route, and the reports and map of Lieutenant Abert of his examinations in the province of New Mexico; also, a copy of the journal of the expedition kept by Captain Abraham R. Johnston: which letter, reports, maps, and journal were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McClelland moved that the said letter, reports, maps, and journal be referred to the Committee on Printing, with a view to the printing of an extra number of the same: which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Albert G. Brown, by the unanimous consent of the House,

*Ordered*, That the bill of the Senate (No. 28) entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Rhodes," be taken from the Speaker's table, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Nathan K. Hall,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce inquire into the propriety and expediency of appropriating a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars for the expenses of continuing the survey of the great lakes, heretofore conducted by the corps of topographical engineers, under the direction of the War Department; and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Wiley gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Daniel H. Warren.

Mr. Willard P. Hall gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a joint resolution giving the thanks of Congress to Colonel A. W. Doniphan, and Brigadier General Sterling Price, and the officers and men under their respective commands in the late military operations in New Mexico and Chihuahua.

And then, on motion of Mr. Pollock, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned, until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## THURSDAY, February 10, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the House of the following titles:

No. 142. An act to confirm the boundary line between Missouri and Arkansas;

No. 174. An act to authorize the issue of a register to the barque Wilhamet; and

No. 56. An act for the relief of Joseph and Lindley Ward.

They have passed bills and a resolution of the following titles:

No. 67. An act for the relief of William Marvin, in confirming the title to a tract of land in Florida, granted by the Spanish government to Bernardo Segui on the 12th day of December, 1815;

No. 132. An act to authorize the issuing of a register or enrollment to the schooner Robert Henry;

No. 9. A resolution for the relief of Betsey McIntosh;

No. 11. An act to compensate John M. Moore;

No. 12. An act authorizing persons to whom reservations of land have been granted, under certain Indian treaties, to alienate the same in fee;

No. 25. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Fisher, deceased;

No. 72. An act for an increase of the medical staff of the army, for a limited time;

No. 73. An act for the relief of Jones & Boker;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Robert W. Johnson, in pursuance of previous notice, obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 220) to create the office of surveyor of the public lands, and for other purposes: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Birdsall,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw from the files of the House the papers in the case of Charles Walsworth; and

The said papers were thereupon delivered to Mr. Birdsall.

On motion of Mr. Donnell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what alteration or extension of the act of 29th September, 1789, entitled "An act to regulate process in the courts of the United States" is necessary in order to adapt the practice and proceedings in the courts of the United States to the existing practice and proceedings in the courts of the several States in which the courts of the United States may be respectively held.

Mr. Phelps, in pursuance of previous notice, obtained leave and introduced bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 221. A bill to revive the act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses and other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved January 18, 1837, and the acts approved October 14, 1842, amendatory of the same; and

No. 222. A bill for the relief of George W. Kidd;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 221. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 222. To the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Alexander Evans,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the propriety of making appropriations for the improve-

ment of the harbor of Havre de Grace, Maryland; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, which was delivered in at the Speaker's table.

Mr. Daniel P. King, by general consent, presented a memorial of the representatives of the yearly meeting of the Society of Friends for New England, praying for the speedy termination of the war with Mexico.

Mr. King moved that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and printed.

Mr. Howell Cobb called for a division of the question, so as to take the question separately upon the reference and printing;

And the same being divided,

The question was put on referring the said memorial to the Committee on Foreign Affairs;

And decided in the affirmative.

The question was then stated on the printing of the said memorial;

And, after debate,

Mr. Haskell moved the previous question.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the motion to print be laid upon the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 81 / Nays ..... 95

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
George Fries

Mr. Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
David Hammons
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane

Mr. Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry Nicoll
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams

Mr. George Ashmun
John Blanchard
John M. Botts

Mr. Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Richard S. Canby

Mr. Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton

Mr. William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds

Mr. Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
James Wilson.

So the House refused to lay the motion to print upon the table; and

The previous question was then seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the said memorial be printed?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 98 / Nays ..... 83

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert

Mr. Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
John W. Jones
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln

Mr. Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge

Mr. Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Mr. William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Mr. Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
George Fries
Richard French
Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Mr. John K. Miller
Isaac E. Morse
Henry Nicoll
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

On motion of Mr. Marsh, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Botts reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 104) to authorize a loan not to exceed the sum of eighteen millions five hundred thousand dollars, had come to no conclusion thereon. Mr. Botts further reported that the committee, in rising, had found itself without a quorum, that the roll of members had been called, agreeably to the 126th rule of the House, and the following-named members were found to be absent, viz:

John Quincy Adams, Green Adams, Archibald Atkinson, Daniel M. Barringer, Washington Barrow, Henry Bedinger, Hiram Belcher, Ausburn Birdsall, James A. Black, Franklin W. Bowdon, Linn Boyd, Nathaniel Boydon, Richard Brodhead, Aylett Buckner, E. Carrington Cabell, Richard S. Canby, Asa W. H. Clapp, Franklin Clark, Thomas L. Clingman, Williamson R. W. Cobb, William Collins, Robert B. Cranston, John D. Cummins, Richard S. Donnell, Daniel Duncan, Joseph E. Edsall, John W. Farrelly, George Fries, John P. Gaines, John Gayle, Willard P. Hall, James G. Hampton, Moses Hampton, Hugh A. Haralson, John H. Harmanson, Henry W. Hilliard, John M. Holley, John W. Houston, Charles J. Ingersoll, Alexander Irvin, David S. Jackson, James H. Johnson, Robert W. Johnson, George W. Jones, John W. Jones, David S. Kaufman, T.

Butler King, Emile La Sère, William T. Lawrence, Shepherd Leffler, Lewis C. Levin, Frederick W. Lord, William B. Maclay, James J. McKay, Job Mann, Dudley Marvin, Richard K. Meade, Henry C. Murphy, Henry Nes, William A. Newall, Charles H. Peaslee, George Petrie, John Pettit, R. Barnwell Rhett, John L. Robinson, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, Joseph M. Root, Robert C. Schenck, John I. Slingerland, Ephraim K. Smart, Frederick P. Stanton, George A. Starkweather, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, Jacob Thompson, Richard W. Thompson, John B. Thompson, William Thompson, Amos Tuck, Abraham W. Venable, and Joseph A. Woodward.

The following memorials, petitions, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Morse: The memorial of citizens of Bossier parish, in the State of Louisiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Bellevue to Minden, in the parish of Claiborne.

By Mr. William G. Brown: The memorial of sundry citizens of Preston county, in the State of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Kingwood to Grimes's office, in said State.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Grant county, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the reduction of postage on juvenile publications of small dimensions, and on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Daniel Duncan: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Licking county, in the State of Ohio.

*Ordered*, That said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. James Thompson: Three memorials of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the renewal to the heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased, of a patent for "Wood's cast iron plough:" which were referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

By Mr. Franklin Clark: The petition of merchants and owners of vessels, of Wiscasset, in the State of Maine, praying for the establishment of a custom-house at said place.

By Mr. Wilson: The petition of citizens of Kittery, in the State of Maine, praying that the duty on fish may be made specific, and at the rate prescribed in the tariff of 1842.

By Mr. Hubbard: The petition of citizens of New Haven county, in the State of Connecticut, praying for an appropriation to remove the bar at the mouth of the Housatonic river.

By Mr. Hunt: The petition of citizens of Lockport, in the State of New York, praying that the principles of the laws regulating drawback and warehousing be so extended that Canada wheat may be imported, admitted to entry under bond, be manufactured into flour, and upon the exportation of the flour the bonds be discharged;

Also, the petition of citizens of Orleans county, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Wilson: The memorial of the prudential committee of

Dartmouth college, praying that the duties be remitted upon certain mathematical and astronomical instruments ordered by said college from Germany: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Phelps: Evidence in support of the claim of George W. Kidd, for depredations committed upon his property by order of an officer of the army of the United States: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Julius Rockwell: The bill to incorporate the Washington Mutual Insurance Company and Savings Institute: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Crowell: The memorial of citizens of Mahoning county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the passage of a law appropriating a sufficient portion of the public lands to colonize the free people of color in the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Wilson: The memorial of James Dutton—heretofore presented December 15, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Pollock: The petition of Rebecca Boyd, of Northumberland county, in the State of Pennsylvania—heretofore presented March 4, 1846.

By Mr. Collins: The petition of Moses Seger, of Lewis county, in the State of New York, praying for additional compensation for the services of his father in the revolutionary war.

By Mr. Green Adams: The petition of Daniel Hews, of Letcher county, in the State of Kentucky, praying for a pension, in consideration of his services in the revolutionary war.

By Mr. Nelson: The petition of Joseph Cogswell, of Tamworth, in the State of New Hampshire—heretofore presented December 17, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

And then, on motion of Mr. Ashmun, the House, at three o'clock and twenty-five minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1848.

In pursuance of the order of the House of the 31st of January last, Mr. Robert W. Johnson, Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, Mr. Donnell, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Lumpkin, Mr. Palfrey, Mr. Boydon, and Mr. Dixon, were appointed a select committee upon the petition of the children of Eli Whitney.

In pursuance of the resolution of the House of the 4th instant, Mr. Outlaw, Mr. Haskell, Mr. Wilmot, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Lord, Mr. Abbott, and Mr. William Thompson, were appointed a select committee on so much of the annual message of the President of the United States as recommends that provision be made for the families of those who have fallen or died in the service in Mexico.

By general consent, Mr. John W. Houston and Mr. Peck were

appointed on the Committee on Enrolled Bills, on the part of the House, during the absence of the members of said committee.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

By general consent, bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 11. An act to compensate John M. Moore;

No. 12. An act authorizing persons to whom reservations of land have been made, under certain Indian treaties, to alienate the same in fee;

No. 25. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Fisher, deceased;

No. 67. An act for the relief of William Marvin, in confirming the title to a tract of land in Florida, granted by the Spanish government to Bernardo Segui, on the 20th of December, 1815;

No. 72. An act for an increase of the medical staff of the army for a limited time;

No. 73. An act for the relief of Jones and Boker;

No. 9. A resolution for the relief of Betsy McIntosh,

were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 11. To the Committee on Public Lands.

No. 12. To the Committee on Indian Affairs.

No. 25. To the Committee of Claims.

No. 67. To the Committee on Private Land Claims.

No. 72. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

No. 73. To the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

No. 9. To the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The bill from the Senate (No. 132) entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of a register or enrolment to the schooner Robert Henry," was read a first and second time, and, by unanimous consent, ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, as required by the first section of the act of March 2, 1803, an abstract of the returns of the militia of the several States, with their arms, accoutrements, and ammunition: which letter and abstract were referred to the Committee on the Militia, and ordered to be printed.

A message from the President of the United States, heretofore received, was read as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

In answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 7th instant, I transmit herewith a report from the Secretary of State.

No communication has been received from Mexico "containing propositions from the Mexican authorities or commissioners for a treaty of peace," except the "counter projet" presented by the Mexican commissioners to the commissioners of the United States on the 6th of September last, a copy of which, with the documents accompanying it, I communicated to the Senate of the United States

on the 2d instant. A copy of my communication to the Senate embracing this "projet" is herewith communicated.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *February* 10, 1848.

*Ordered*, That the said message be laid upon the table and printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on private bills.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 87 / Nays ..... 79

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Richard L. T. Beale
John M. Botts
Richard Brodhead
Jasper E. Brady
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
William Duer
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin

Mr. Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee

Mr. John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
John H. Crozier
John Dickey

Mr. Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
William T. Haskell
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles Hudson

Mr. Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Samuel Lahm
Shepherd Leffler
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann

Mr. John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Mr. Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Eliakim Sherrill
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
Mr. Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Robert A. Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pollock reported that the committee had had under consideration the bill for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones, and had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Stephens moved that when the House adjourns to-day, it adjourn until Monday next: which motion was agreed to.

The following memorials, petitions, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Moses Hampton: Two remonstrances of citizens of Alleghany county, in the State of Pennsylvania, against the further extension of the patent to the heirs of Jethro Wood of "Wood's cast-iron plough:" which were referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Giddings: The memorial of citizens of Madison, in Lake county, and State of Ohio, praying for the abolishment of slavery in the District of Columbia: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Van Dyke: The petition of Henry Freeman—heretofore presented February 14, 1842: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of Alexe Coquillard and others—heretofore presented February 4, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Newall: The petition of Abigail Stafford, of the State of New Jersey, the only child and heir of Henry Smith, deceased, praying compensation for the services of her late father during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. ——— ———: The petition of Vallentine Spawrs, of McLean county, in the State of Illinois—heretofore presented April 8, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Cathcart: The memorial of citizens of Cass, Miami, Wabash, and Whitley counties, in the State of Indiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Logansport, in Cass county, to Columbia, in Whitley county.

By Mr. Sawyer: The memorial of citizens of Lucas, Henry, and Williams counties, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Waterville, via Evansport, to Bergen, in said State.

By Mr. Collamer: The petition of citizens of Orange county, in the State of Vermont, praying for a reduction of postage on juvenile publications of small size, and on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Giddings: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Geauga county, in the State of Ohio.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of citizens of Nantucket, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the establishment of a light-house on Saukaty head.

By Mr. Isaac E. Holmes: The petition of William A. Carson, of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, praying for the change of the name of the steamer Charles Downing to that of Calhoun.

By Mr. Nicoll: The memorial of the Mutual Insurance Company and of citizens of the city and State of New York, remonstrating against a repeal of the act of Congress of March 2, 1837, regulating pilots;

Also, the petition of the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, and other marine insurances, in the city of New York, praying for the establishment of a light-house at Saukaty head, on the island of Nantucket.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Mullin: The petition of citizens of the county of Jefferson, in the State of New York, praying that the general government no longer traffic nor permit traffic in the public lands, and that they be laid out in farms, for the free use of such citizens, not possessed of other land, as will occupy them.

By Mr. Giddings: A petition of similar import as the foregoing from citizens of Cleveland, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Bowlin: The petition of Solomon Davis, and other citizens in his behalf, of Oregon county, in the State of Missouri, praying for a change of entry of a small lot of land, which, by mistake, was located on barren hills, unfit for cultivation.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Wentworth: The memorial of the heirs of William McGhee, deceased, and late a revolutionary soldier, praying for the bounty land to which the said McGhee was entitled for his services in the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Isaac E. Holmes: The petition of John B. Rogers—heretofore presented December 10, 1834.

By Mr. Cabell: The memorial of Hiram Hall, a captain of volunteers in the Florida war, alleging that his pay is improperly withheld by the accounting officers, and praying that they be authorized and directed to adjust and settle his claim.

By Mr. Mullin: The petition of George J. Knight—heretofore presented January 30, 1846.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of the heirs of William Hudson—heretofore presented August 3, 1846;

Also, the petition of the heirs of Manuel Hover—heretofore presented June 10, 1846;

Also, the petition of Benjamin Perham—heretofore presented May 16, 1844.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then, on motion of Mr. Birdsall, the House, at 3 o'clock and fifteen minutes, adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## MONDAY, February 14, 1848.

In pursuance of the resolution of the House of the 4th instant, Mr. Richard W. Thompson, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Albert G. Brown, Mr. Pendleton, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, Mr. Cranston, Mr. Charles E. Stuart, and Mr. Kellogg, were appointed the select committee on so much of the President's annual message as declares that it may become proper for our commanding generals in the field to give encouragement and assurances of protection to such friends of peace in Mexico as will establish a government there, able and willing to conclude a peace with us, and secure to us the indemnity we demand.

In pursuance of the resolution of the House of the same date, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Ashmun, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Collamer, Mr. Burt, Mr. Caleb B. Smith, Mr. Morehead, Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Crowell, were appointed the select committee on so much of the President's annual message as relates to the manner in which the war with Mexico ought to be prosecuted, and the policy that should be pursued in respect thereto.

The Speaker announced, as the business first in order, resolutions from the several States and the Territory of Wisconsin, and commenced the call with the State of Virginia, where he had left off on the last resolution day.

On motion of Mr. Goggin,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into, and report, to what extent and in what respects the franking privilege of the members of this House has been restricted, by recent decisions of the Postmaster General, or any of his assistants or deputies; and whether any, and, if so, what further legislation is necessary to give effect to existing laws upon that subject.

Mr. Chapman offered the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the tobacco trade of the United States with the different countries of Europe, and the duties and restrictions imposed upon this branch of American commerce; and to report by bill or otherwise.

The said resolution was read; when

Mr. Chapman moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the said resolution was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Crisfield,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Prin-

cess Anne, in Somerset county, Maryland, by Kingston, to Jefferson's corner, in said county.

On motion of Mr. Chapman,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of building a light-house on Blackstone's island, in the Potomac river.

Mr. Strohm offered the following resolution and preamble; which were read, and the said resolution was laid upon the table one day, under the rule.

Whereas it is extremely desirable that the peaceful relations heretofore subsisting between the United States of America and the republic of Mexico should be restored, as soon as the existing difficulties between the two countries can be adjusted upon principles of common justice and in conformity with the law of nations:

And whereas experience has demonstrated that the conquest of armies, the capture of cities, and the occupation of territory in the enemy's country, are inadequate to accomplish the great object which the peace loving citizens of both countries so ardently desire:

And whereas in the opinion of many, the cheapest, easiest, speediest, and most effectual way of procuring an honorable and permanent peace, would be to withdraw our armies from the territories of Mexico, and propose commissioners to negotiate a treaty:

And whereas it is the duty of Congress to make ample provision for the security, pay, subsistence, and comfort, of the brave men who now compose our armies in Mexico, and who have so gallantly defended the flag of their country; therefore,

*Be it resolved*, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to make and report to this House an estimate of the amount of money that may be necessary to withdraw our troops, now in Mexico, to some point or points within our own undisputed territory, discharge and send home the volunteers, and sustain the regular army during the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, That if, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, the safety of the army in carrying out the policy above indicated, should it be adopted, will require an additional number of men, either by filling up deficiencies in existing regiments or by new levies, he shall report the number of men, and the character of the troops, which he may deem necessary, together with an estimate of the cost of raising, transporting, and subsisting such additional troops for one year, or for such period as he may judge that their services may be required, less than one year.

On motion of Mr. Alexander Evans,

*Resolved*, That the pay of John P. Gaines, a member of this House, be allowed from the first day of the session, he having been prevented by unavoidable causes from reaching Washington, on his passage from Mexico, until some days thereafter.

On motion of Mr. Pollock,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the provisions of the act of Congress of June 7, 1832, (granting pensions, &c.) to

the officers and soldiers, &c., who have served during the Indian campaigns under Generals Clarke, St. Clair, Harmer, and Wayne; also, to the officers and soldiers of the late war with Great Britain, not otherwise provided for.

On motion of Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the 30th section of the act of Congress of 1789, (September 24,) to establish the judicial courts of the United States as authorizes the taking of depositions without notice to the adverse party; and of extending the privilege of American vessels to all foreign vessels transferred by judicial sales, under the order of a court of competent jurisdiction, to a citizen of the United States; and of providing a place of deposit for the bonds of clerks of courts of the United States; and of abolishing custom-house oaths: and of prohibiting executions of criminals in public; and of altering the time of holding the circuit and other courts of the United States for the southern district of New York; and of regulating costs in courts of admiralty; and of so modifying the judiciary system of the United States as to facilitate the despatch of business, without impairing the vigor or wisdom of the administration of justice.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House on what articles embraced in the tariff act of 1846 the duties can be increased beyond the existing rates, so as to augment the revenue; and to what extent the said duties can be increased; and what additional revenue would accrue therefrom.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a national foundry in the city of Reading, county of Berks, and State of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means inquire, and report to this House, whether it would not increase the commerce between France and the United States, the duties from impost in the United States, and the advantage of both countries, to reduce the present American duties on French wines, brandies, silks, jewels, and other French productions, taxed as luxuries; and whether the said French productions should not be treated as necessary to enable France to pay for a greater than her present purchase of American cotton, rice, provisions, tobacco, and other American productions.

Mr. James Thompson offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the words of the amendment offered, and adopted by the House, to the resolution of thanks to Major General Taylor, on the 3d day of January, 1848, containing the words "that the war (namely, with Mexico) was unnecessarily and unconstitutionally begun by the President," is untrue in fact, calculated to prevent a peace with Mexico on the basis of indemnity, and should be rescinded.

The resolution was read; when

Mr. Thompson moved the previous question.

Mr. Ashmun moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table.

Mr. Burt moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which motion was not agreed to.

And the question was then put, Shall the said resolution be laid upon the table.

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 105 / Nays ..... 95

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher

Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin

Mr. William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
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Julius Rockwell
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Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown

Mr. Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall

Mr. James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley

Mr. Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Mr. James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Mr. Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot.

Mr. John W. Houston, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. No. 56. An act for the relief of Joseph and Lindley Ward;

H. R. No. 174. An act to authorize the issue of a register to the barque Wilhamet;

H. R. No. 142. An act to confirm the boundary line between Missouri and Arkansas,

and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

On motion of Mr. Andrew Stewart,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pension of Thomas Thompson, of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. McIlvaine,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of organizing a territorial government in the Indian country west of the Mississippi, to which the Indians have been removed by this government; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Brady,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill providing that, in cases where soldiers, who have been discharged from the service of the United States on account of disease or disability, have applied, or may hereafter apply, for bounty land or treasury scrip, under the act of 11th of February, 1847, that the discharge shall be deemed sufficient evidence that the disease or disability was incurred in the service, unless the contrary shall appear.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a national foundry at some suitable place within the 11th congressional district, in the State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Newall offered the following preamble and resolution; which were read, and the said resolution was agreed to:

Whereas the late Hon. Samuel G. Wright, member elect to the 29th Congress from the second congressional district of New Jersey, died previous to the first session of that body, and his death not heretofore announced: therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House be directed to cause a monument to be erected to his memory in the congressional burying ground; and to transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of the deceased.

Mr. Murphy offered the following preamble and resolution; which were read, and the resolution was agreed to:

Whereas, by an act entitled "An act to regulate the deposites of the public money," approved June 23, 1836, the surplus in the treasury of the United States on the 1st of January, 1837, reserving five millions of dollars, was directed to be deposited by the Secretary of the Treasury with the several States on receiving certificates of deposites therefor, signed by their treasurers or other competent authorities, and expressing the usual and legal obligations, and pledging the faith of the State for the safe keeping and repayment thereof, and for paying the said moneys and every part thereof, from time to time, whenever the same should be required by the Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose of defraying any wants of the public treasury; in pursuance of which act, the sum of twenty-eight millions one hundred and one thousand six hundred and forty-four dollars ninety-one cents was deposited with the several States;

And whereas the moneys so deposited are required for the purpose of defraying the wants of the public treasury, and sound policy dictates the propriety of avoiding a large public debt, which otherwise must accrue: therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means to inquire into the expediency of requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to call for the repayment of the moneys of the United States deposited with the States, according to the pledged faith of the States, in the manner designated by the said act of June 23, 1836.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* I am directed by the Senate to request the House of Representatives to return the bill of the Senate (No. 72) for an increase of the medical staff of the army for a limited time.

And then he withdrew.

Thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Haralson, it was

*Ordered*, That the Clerk return the said bill to the Senate.

Mr. Kellogg offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the duty on bar, bloom, pig, and manufactured iron imported from foreign countries into this; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

The said resolution was read: when Mr. Kellogg moved the previous question.

Mr. Bingham moved that it be laid upon the table, and called for the yeas and nays thereon; which were ordered by the House.

Mr. Kellogg moved that the order by the House of the yeas and nays be reconsidered.

Mr. Pollock raised the question of order, that it required four-fifths to reconsider an order for the yeas and nays.

The Speaker decided, that according to the precedents a majority might reconsider the order; but that the question would immediately recur on ordering the yeas and nays, when one-fifth would be sufficient for that purpose.

The motion to reconsider prevailed, but the ayes and noes were again ordered: when,

On motion of Mr. Duer, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Botts reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 104) to authorize a loan not to exceed the sum of eighteen millions five hundred thousand dollars, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Peck, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 105. An act to provide additional quarters near to New Orleans for the United States soldiers and volunteers returned from or going to the seat of war in Mexico;

No. 132. An act to authorize the issuing of a register or enrolment to the schooner Robert Henry;

and found the same correctly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of Jacob Coles—heretofore presented June 10, 1846;

Also, the petition of Noah Smith—heretofore presented June 10, 1846;

Also, the petition of Sarah Smith, heir of Elijah Alford—heretofore presented June 10, 1848.

By Mr. Chase: The petition of Joseph Hardaway, of Springfield, in the State of Tennessee, legal representative of Joseph Hardaway, deceased, praying for the arrearage of pay the said deceased was entitled to, for his services in the revolutionary war.

By Mr. Gaines: The petition of the heirs of Christian Orendorf, deceased—heretofore presented January 26, 1846;

Also, the petition of the heirs of John Mountjoy, deceased—heretofore presented January 27, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Daniel Duncan: The petition of Robert Fulton—heretofore presented May 7, 1834.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of John Walker—heretofore presented December 22, 1846.

By Mr. Iverson: The petition of Dorcas T. Jewell, of Russell

county, in the State of Alabama, widow of Kinchen Jewell, deceased, praying for indemnity for depredations and destruction of her property by hostile Indians, in the Florida war.

By Mr. John W. Jones: The petition of Wesley Leake, of the State of Georgia, praying compensation for a horse and gun pressed into the service of the United States during the late Seminole war.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Faran: The petition of William A. Smith, of Hamilton county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a pension, on account of wounds and disabilities incurred in the service of the United States;

Also, the petition of Isaac Deavee, of Hamilton county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a pension, in consideration of the wounds and disabilities he incurred in the service of the United States.

By Mr. Chase: The petition of James Somers, of the State of Tennessee, praying for a pension, on account of wounds and disabilities incurred in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Williams: The petition of Robert Ramsay, of the State of Maine, praying for an increase of pension, on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the naval service of the United States.

By Mr. William G. Brown: The petition of Abner Long, of Wheeling, in the State of Virginia, praying for a pension, on account of wounds and disabilities incurred in the service of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of John Caldwell—heretofore presented April 14, 1846;

Also, the petition of Orpha Rose—heretofore presented May 7, 1846.

By Mr. Putnam: The petition of Eunice Crossman, of Wyoming county, in the State of New York, widow of William Crossman, deceased, praying for the benefits of the provisions of certain acts granting half-pay and pensions to certain widows of revolutionary soldiers.

By Mr. Clapp: The memorial of Lydia Shurtleff and Lydia Jordan, of the State of Maine, widows of revolutionary soldiers, praying that the benefit of the provision of the act of July 7, 1838, granting relief to certain widows, be extended to them;

Also, the petition of Thankful Penley, of the State of Maine, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, the memorial of Esther Bartlett, widow of Moses Bartlett, deceased, praying Congress to pass an act extending the pensions of certain revolutionary widows for their natural lives;

Also, the petition of Abigail Harris, widow of John Harris, deceased, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Giddings: The memorial of John P. Smith, administrator of John Smith, deceased—heretofore presented January 9, 1847: which was referred to the Committe on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Goggin: The petition of Susan Campbell and others—heretofore presented December 18, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of Giles U. Ellis and David C. Cash, praying Congress to pass a law authorizing the proper officers to adjust and pay their claims for military service in the Florida war: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of citizens of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying for a charter for a steamboat company: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Strohm: The petition of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying Congress to take such measures to change the Constitution and laws as shall abolish slavery throughout the Union: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Strong: The memorial of citizens of Berks county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Jonestown, in the county of Lebanon, to Rehrersburg, in the county of Berks.

By Mr. Wentworth: The memorial of inhabitants of the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from La Salle to Rockford, in said State;

Also, the memorial of citizens of La Salle and Kendall counties, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Ottawa to Naperville;

Also, the petition of sundry citizens of Will and Iroquois counties, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Wilmington to Middleport.

By Mr. Richardson: The petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Farmington, in Fulton county, to McComb, in McDonough county.

By Mr. Goggin: The memorial of members of the Legislature of the State of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a mail route from New London to Rocky mount, in Franklin county.

By Mr. Butler: The petition of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Providence, in Luzerne county, to the Milford and Owego turnpike.

By Mr. Rockhill: The memorial of citizens of Wells and Allen counties, in the State of Indiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Bluffton, in Wells county, to Fort Wayne, in Allen county;

Also, the petition of citizens of Grant county, in the State of Indiana, praying for a reduction of postage on juvenile publications, and on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Phelps: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Lafayette county, in the State of Missouri.

By Mr. Wilmot: Two memorials of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying that all newspapers may be permitted to circulate in the mail free of postage, within the counties and within thirty miles of the offices of publication.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Southport, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Southport to Richmond, in the State of Iliinois;

Also, the petition of citizens of Southport, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Southport, in said Territory, to Antioch, in the State of Illinois.

By Mr. Turner: The petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from La Salle to Rockford;

Also, two memorials of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Peru to Mount Carroll, in Carroll county;

Also, the petition of two hundred and twenty-seven other citizens of the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Galesburg to Knoxville.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The report and memorial of the board of trade of the city of Wheeling, in the State of Virginia, on the subject of steamboat explosions on the western waters: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Lincoln: The petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying for a grant of the public lands, to aid in the construction of a railroad connecting the upper and lower Mississippi with the great lakes, at Chicago;

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying Congress to make the same provisions for the surviving soldiers of the late war with Great Britain, in relation to bounty land, as are made for the soldiers in the Mexican war.

By Mr. Sawyer: The petition of citizens of the Maumee valley, in the State of Ohio, praying for the removal of the land office from upper Sandusky to Defiance.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of Elizabeth Vanderford, widow of Benjamin Vanderford, late a master's mate in the United States navy, praying for a continuance of her pension: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Duer: The petition of John Hogan—heretofore presented March 12, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Richardson: Papers in relation to the petition of A. Allen: which were referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Farrelly: The memorial of citizens of Venango county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that no further extension be given to the heirs of Jethro Wood for a patent of "Wood's patent cast iron plough;"

Also, the petition of citizens of Conneautville, in the State of Pennsylvania, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Gott: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Cayuga county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Nathan Evans: A petition of similar import, from citizens of Zanesville, in the State of Ohio;

Also, the petition of Samuel Witherow, of Gettysburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Brady: The memorial of members of the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Jenkins: Eleven memorials of citizens of the counties of Cayuga, Onondaga, Warren. Ontario, Wayne, Oneida, and Seneca, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Farrelly: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Mercer county, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Petrie: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Montgomery county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Putnam: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Genesse county, in the State of New York.

*Ordered*, That said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents.

And then, on motion of Mr. Pendleton, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty-five minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, February 15, 1848.

Mr. Kaufman offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the bill (No. 104) to authorize a loan not to exceed the sum of eighteen millions five hundred thousand dollars, shall cease at 2 o'clock on Wednesday next, the 16th instant, if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same; and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Kaufman moved the previous question.

Mr. Root moved that the resolution be laid upon the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 81 / Nays ..... 105 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. George Ashmun | Mr. John Blanchard |
| John Quincy Adams | Daniel M. Barringer | John M. Botts |
| Green Adams | Washington Barrow | Jasper E. Brady |

Mr. E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
John Freedley
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Mr. Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Mr. Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Garnett Duncan
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
George Fries
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
David Hammons
Mr. Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
David S. Jackson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Mr. Isaac E. Morse
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

The previous question, moved by Mr. Kaufman, was then seconded and put, as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?"

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 104 / Nays ..... 93

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Garnett Duncan
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
George Fries
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
James S. Green

Mr. Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
David S. Jackson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
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Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris

Mr. Isaac E. Morse
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree

Mr. Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
John Freedley
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh

Mr. Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
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James Pollock
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Joseph M Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart

Mr. John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Mr. Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
John Van Dyke
Mr. Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

The main question was then put, viz: Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 109 / Nays ..... 87

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
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John D. Cummins
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Thomas S. Flournoy
George Fries
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Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
Mr. John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nes
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
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David Fisher
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John Gayle
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Artemas Hale
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James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Orlando Kellogg

Mr. T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
Mr. William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Mr. Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

So the resolution was agreed to.

The following memorials, petitions, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Richardson: The petition of citizens of Fulton county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Farmington to McComb, in McDonough county.

By Mr. Lincoln: The petition of Daniel Wadsworth, postmaster at Auburn, in the State of Illinois, praying for an increase of compensation to postmasters who have charge of small offices and have to perform night service.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of sundry citizens of West Florida, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Ucheeanua, by Alaqua, to Milton, in the State of Florida.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of citizens of Jackson county, in the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Westport, in Jackson county, to Harrisonville, in Van Buren county;

Also, the memorial of citizens of Lafayette county, in the State of Missouri, praying for a reduction of postage on juvenile publications of small size, and on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Putnam: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Orange county, in the State of Vermont.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Williams: The petition of citizens of Eastport, in the State of Maine, praying for an additional appropriation to complete the building of a custom-house at that place.

By Mr. Smart: Three petitions of citizens of Vinalhaven, in the State of Maine, praying that the town of Vinalhaven be annexed to the Belfast collection district;

Also, the petition of citizens of Islesboro', in the State of Maine, praying that the town of Islesboro' be annexed to the Belfast collection district;

Also, the petition of citizens of North Haven, in the State of Maine, praying that the town of North Haven be annexed to the collection district of Belfast, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of the heirs of Israel Shreve—here-

tofore presented March 2, 1847: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Edwards: The petition of J. P. Zantzinger, a captain in the United States navy, praying that he be allowed the appropriate pay and rations of flag captain for the time he served as such on the coast of Brazil: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of citizens of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying for an act of incorporation for a gas company in said city: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Edwards: The petition of Jane Parker, widow of Southey Parker, deceased, praying for the payment of two hundred and fifty dollars per year from 1834 to 1838, the time of the death of her husband, for extra services in superintending the southwest executive building.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of Joseph R. Brown, of Fort Snelling, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying indemnity for expenses incurred in consequence of the arrest and surrender to the United States officers of certain Indian offenders.

By Mr. La Sère: The petition of Peleg B. Phelps, of Lafayette, in the State of Louisiana, praying additional compensation as surveyor and inspector of the revenue for the port of the city of Lafayette;

Also, the petition of Lewis B. Willis, praying the payment of a balance due to him as paymaster in the army.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of James H. Cheezum, of the District of Columbia, praying for the adjustment and payment of his claim for repairing the wharf near the penitentiary in said District.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Nes: The petition of James Oldham, of the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying for the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832, granting pensions to revolutionary soldiers: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Brady: The petition of citizens of Cumberland county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for an increase of compensation to ordnance sergeants.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The petition of citizens of Alleghany county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the passage of a law to place the ordnance men of the army on the same footing as other soldiers of the regular army, so far as bounty land and pensions are concerned.

By Mr. Murphy: The petition of Catharine Riddle, widow of the late Sergeant James K. Riddle, praying for pecuniary aid on account of the services and premature death of her late husband in the war with Mexico.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. James H. Johnson: The petition of Salsbery Wheeler, of

Cornish, in the State of New Hampshire, praying for an increase and the payment of a balance of his pension under the act of June 7, 1832.

By Mr. Strong: The petition of Michael Spats, praying for a pension on account of his services during the war of the revolution.

By Mr. James H. Johnson: The petition of Martin Dewey, of Lebanon, in the State of New Hampshire, praying for a pension in consideration of his services in the revolutionary war.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of citizens of Jasper county, in the State of Indiana, praying for a grant of the public lands, to aid in the improvement of the navigation of the Iroquois river: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Brady: The petition of citizens of Franklin county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the adoption of such measures by Congress as shall bring the war with Mexico to an immediate close: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. William Thompson: The memorial of Samuel J. Bayard, late receiver of public moneys at Fairfield, in the State of Iowa, praying for the passage of an act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to have placed to his credit the sum of six thousand four hundred and twenty-five dollars and eighty-eight cents, on account of having been robbed of said sum while transporting it to the place of deposit: which was referred to the Commitee of Claims;

Also, the petition of citizens of Mount Pleasant, in the State of Iowa, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Mount Pleasant to Monroe City: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. William T. Lawrence: Four memorials of citizens of Chemung, Yates, and Tompkins counties, in the State of New York, remonstrating against the renewal of a patent for a "cast iron plough" to the heirs of Jethro Wood: which was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did this day approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 174. An act to authorize the issue of a register to the barque Wilhamet.

No. 142. An act to confirm the boundary line between Missouri and Arkansas.

No. 56. An act for the relief of Joseph and Lindley Ward.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Botts reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 104) to authorize a loan not to exceed the sum of eighteen millions five hundred thousand dollars, and finding itself

without a quorum, he had caused the roll of members to be called, and the following named members were found to be absent:

George Ashmun, Archibald Atkinson, Washington Barrow, Thomas H. Bayly, Richard L. T. Beale, Henry Bedinger, Hiram Belcher, Kingsley S. Bingham, Thomas S. Bocock, Franklin W. Bowdon, James B. Bowlin, Linn Boyd, Nathaniel Boydon, Jasper E. Brady, Charles Brown, Albert G. Brown, Aylett Buckner, Armistead Burt, E. Carrington Cabell, Lucien B. Chase, Beverly L. Clark, Williamson R. W. Cobb, Jacob Collamer, John D. Cummins, James Dixon, Garnett Duncan, Joseph E. Edsall, Winfield S. Featherston, Thomas S. Flournoy, John Freedley, George Fries, John P. Gaines, John Gayle, Joseph Grinnell, David Hammons, John H. Harmanson, William T. Haskell, Thomas J. Henley, William Henry, Henry W. Hilliard, John M. Holley, Isaac E. Holmes, Elias B. Holmes, Samuel D. Hubbard, Washington Hunt, Samuel W. Inge, Charles J. Ingersoll, Joseph R. Ingersoll, Alfred Iverson, David S. Jackson, Andrew Johnson, James H. Johnson, Robert W. Johnson, John W. Jones, David S. Kaufman, T. Butler King, Daniel P. King, Samuel Lahm, Emile La Sère, William T. Lawrence, Lewis C. Levin, Thomas W. Ligon, Frederick W. Lord, William B. Maclay, Robert McClelland, John A. McClernand, James McDowell, Robert M. McLane, George P. Marsh, Dudley Marvin, Richard K. Meade, John K. Miller, Isaac E. Morse, Henry Nes, William A. Newall, Charles H. Peaslee, Lucius B. Peck, John S. Pendleton, George Petrie, John Pettit, Samuel O. Peyton, Timothy Pillsbury, William B. Preston, R. Barnwell Rhett, John L. Robinson, Julius Rockwell, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, William Sawyer, Robert C. Schenck, Richard F. Simpson, Caleb B. Smith, Frederick P. Stanton, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, Patrick W. Tompkins, James Thompson, Jacob Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, Robert Toombs, Amos Tuck, John Van Dyke, John Wentworth, Hugh White, William W. Wick, David Wilmot, and Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Richardson moved that there be a call of the House.

Mr. Phelps moved, at 4 o'clock and thirty-five minutes, that the House do adjourn;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas,..... 35 / Nays,..... 80

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
James A. Black
John M. Botts
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
Charles W. Cathcart
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
John Freedley
Richard French
William L. Goggin
James S. Green

Mr. Willard P. Hall
Thomas J. Henley
John Jamieson
George W. Jones
Daniel P. King
Shepherd Leffler
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Richard K. Meade
Henry Nicoll
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps

Mr. William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Richard S. Canby
Howell Cobb
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John R. J. Daniel
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
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Dudley S. Gregory
Mr. Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
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William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Alexander Irvin
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Mr. Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
James Wilson.

A quorum being present,

Mr. Richardson then withdrew his motion for a call of the House.

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Botts reported that the committee having again had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the said bill, (No. 104,) and finding itself without a quorum, he had caused the roll of members to be called, and the following named members were found to be absent:

Amos Abbott, George Ashmun, Archibald Atkinson, Washington Barrow, Thomas H. Bayly, Richard L. T. Beale, Henry Bedinger, Hiram Belcher, Kingsley S. Bingham, Ausburn Birdsall, John Blanchard, Franklin W. Bowdon, James B. Bowlin, Linn Boyd, Nathaniel Boydon, Richard Brodhead, William G. Brown, Charles Brown, Albert G. Brown, Aylett Buckner, E. Carrington Cabell, John G. Chapman, Lucien B. Chase, Asa W. H. Clapp, Franklin Clark, Beverly L. Clark, Thomas L. Clingman, Williamson R. W. Cobb, William M. Cocke, Jacob Collamer, William Collins, Robert B. Cranston, John H. Crozier, John D. Cummins, James Dixon, Richard S. Donnell, Garnett Duncan, Joseph E. Edsall, Winfield S. Featherston, David Fisher, George Fries, John P. Gaines, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, David Hammons, James G. Hampton, Hugh A. Haralson, John H. Harmanson, Samson W. Harris, William T. Haskell, Henry W. Hilliard, John M. Holley, Isaac E. Holmes, Elias B. Holmes, John W. Houston, Washington Hunt, Samuel W. Inge, Charles J. Ingersoll, Joseph R. Ingersoll, Alfred Iverson, David S. Jackson, Timothy Jenkins, Andrew Johnson, James H. Johnson, Robert W. Johnston, John W. Jones, David S.

Kaufman, T. Butler King, Samuel Lahm, Emile La Sère, William T. Lawrence, Sidney Lawrence, Lewis C. Levin, Thomas W. Ligon, Frederick W. Lord, William B. Maclay, Robert McClelland, John A. McClernand, Job Mann, George P. Marsh, Dudley Marvin, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, Henry Nes, William A. Newall, Charles H. Peaslee, John S. Pendleton, John Pettit, Timothy Pillsbury, Harvey Putnam, R. Barnwell Rhett, John L. Robinson, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, Robert C. Schenck, Caleb B. Smith, Robert Smith, Frederick P. Stanton, George A. Starkweather, Alexander H. Stephens, Frederick A. Tallmadge, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, Patrick W. Tompkins, James Thompson, Jacob Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, Amos Tuck, John Van Dyke, Hugh White, Hezekiah Williams, James S. Wiley, David Wilmot.

Mr. Richardson moved that there be a call of the House.

Mr. John B. Thompson moved, at 6 o'clock and ten minutes, that the House do now adjourn.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 62 / Nays ..... 59

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
James A. Black
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Mr. Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
John W. Houston
Charles Hudson
Alexander Irvin
Daniel P. King
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Ausburn Birdsall
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
William Collins
John W. Crisfield
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
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Nathan K. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
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John Jamieson
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George W. Jones
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Mr. William Kennon, jr.
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
John H. Lumpkin
Job Mann
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
John S. Phelps
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill

Mr. Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Mr. Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
William Thompson
Mr. Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley.

And the House accordingly adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## WEDNESDAY, February 16, 1848.

Mr. Alexander Evans moved that the vote on agreeing to the resolution, yesterday, to close debate at 2 o'clock this day, on the bill (No. 104) "to authorize a loan, not to exceed the sum of eighteen millions five hundred thousand dollars," be reconsidered.

Mr. Henley moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Burt moved that there be a call of the House.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 65 / Nays ..... 108

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
John Blanchard
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Franklin Clark
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Hugh L. W. Hill
Mr. Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Lucius B. Peck
Mr. George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Harvey Putnam
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Charles E. Stuart
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Thomas L. Clingman
Mr. Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Mr. Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings

Mr. William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
David S. Jackson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler

Mr. Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
James J. McKay
George P. Marsh
Charles S. Morehead
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John

Mr. Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
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Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
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John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

A call of the House being refused, the question was put on agreeing to the said motion of Mr. Evans to reconsider,

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 93 / Nays ..... 95

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
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Washington Hunt
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Daniel P. King
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Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton

Mr. James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
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Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham

Mr. Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock

Mr. Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead

Mr. William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Garnett Duncan
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Thomas S. Flournoy
George Fries
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Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley

Mr. Hugh L. W. Hill
John W. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
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William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy

Mr. Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the House refused to reconsider.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (No. 27) entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in certain cases, and for other purposes;' "

They have passed the joint resolution of the House (No. 11) expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Winfield Scott, and the troops under his command, for their distinguished gallantry and good conduct in the campaign of 1847,
without amendment.

They have passed the joint resolution of the House (No. 12.) of thanks to Major General Taylor with amendments;
in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Stephens: The memorial of citizens of Jasper and Butts counties, in the State of Georgia, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Madison to Griffin, in said State.

By Mr. Richey: The petition of citizens of Washington county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Waterford to Watertown.

By Mr. Turner: The memorial of citizens of Camp Summit, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from La Salle to Rockford;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Inlet grove, in the State of Illinois.

By Mr. Butler: The petition of citizens of Columbia county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for a change in the mail route from Pottsville to Catawissa, so as to be daily from Pottsville, by the way of Bloomsburg and Orangeville, to Towanda, in Bradford county.

By Mr. Daniel Duncan: The petition of citizens of Franklin county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a reduction of postage on newspapers.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Maclay: The resolutions and memorial of the chamber of commerce of the city of New York, in relation to the duties paid on the merchandize destroyed by fire in said city in 1845.

By Mr. Cabell: The preamble and resolutions of the State of Florida, in relation to the re-construction of the light-house at New Smyrna, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Cabell: The memorial of Thomas Douglas, late district attorney of the United States for the eastern district of the State of Florida, praying compensation for defending certain suits against the United States in the supreme court in said district: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of Harriet McAlister and Mary Hoyt, heirs of Samuel Hoyt, a late soldier in the revolutionary war —heretofore presented May 20, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Andrew Stewart: The petition of Thomas Gregg, of Connellsville, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying Congress to pass a law providing for the adoption of certain improvements of his in the application of steam to the propelling of vessels: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of T. Bailey Myers, of the city of New York, praying for compensation for his services as a special United States commissioner, in taking testimony of witnesses in the matter of the claim of Matthews, Wood, and Hall;

Also, the petition of F. F. Marbury, of the city of New York, praying compensation for his services as special consul, under a commission of the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Accounts.

By Mr. Cranston: The petition of Mary M. Telfair, an heir of Israel Pearce, deceased, praying payment for certain final settlement certificates given in payment of sums due soldiers of the Rhode Island line; also, land bounty due to Tobias Briggs and Isaac Curtis, deceased, from whom said Pearce purchased the right to said bounty lands.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of Catharine O'Neal—heretofore presented December 15, 1846.

By Mr. Pendleton: The petition of the heirs of Jacob Cohen, deceased—heretofore presented February 19, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Pendleton: The petition of Charles Taylor, of Fauquier county, in the State of Virginia, praying for a pension, on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Fulton: The petition of Isaac B. Durham, and others in his behalf, of Scott county, in the State of Virginia, praying for a pension, on account of the loss of his health, by hardships and exposure in the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of George Wilkes, praying Congress to adopt measures, before the end of the present session, for the early construction of a national railroad from some eligible point on the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean.

By Mr. Cummins: The petition of citizens of Coshocton county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the passage of an act granting bounty land to non-commissioned officers, privates, and musicians, mustered into the service of the United States for one year, or during the war with Mexico, and afterwards promoted to the rank of commissioned officers.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Hudson: The petition of Pearson, Cowell, and others, praying that an investigation be made into the manner in which the patent of William Woodworth for a planing machine was renewed.

By Mr. Giddings: The memorial of West Greenville, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that no further extension be given to the heirs of Jethro Wood for "Wood's cast iron plough."

By Mr. Root: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Cayuga county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Conger: The petition of citizens of Cortland county, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Rumsey: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Steuben county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Jenkins: Eleven petitions of citizens of the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. William T. Lawrence: The petitions of citizens of Yates and Tompkins counties, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Gott: Three petitions of Onondaga county, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing, from the executive committee of the New York Agricultural Society.

By Mr. Slingerland: A petition of similar import from the executive committee of the New York Agricultural Society.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

By Mr. Boyd: The petition of J. P. McElrath, of Wardsboro', in

the State of Kentucky, praying payment for a horse lost in the service of the United States during the Seminole war.

By Mr. Charles Brown: The petition of Andrew Fenton, of the city of Philadelphia, praying indemnity for damage sustained by him in being stopped by government agents from cutting timber in the State of Florida.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Bocock: The memorial of Willis and William W. Wilson, heirs of Willis Wilson, deceased—heretofore presented December 29, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Gott: The memorial of citizens of Oswego county, in the State of New York, praying for the repeal of the act of Congress passed at its last session, imposing postage upon newspapers within thirty miles of publication: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Botts reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (H. R. No. 104) "to authorize a loan, not to exceed the sum of eighteen millions five hundred thousand dollars," had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (No. 27) entitled "An act supplementary to an act entitled 'An act to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in certain cases, and for other purposes,' " and found the same correctly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1848.

The Speaker laid before the House two packages, marked as follows:

The *first*, "*Depositions* and *schedules* taken at New York relating to the contested election for the sixth congressional district of the State of New York."

The *second*, "*Depositions* taken at New York relating to the contested election for the sixth congressional district of the State of New York:" which said packages were ordered to be referred to the Committee on Elections; and they were accordingly so referred unopened.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Sawyer obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 223) to remove the land office from Upper Sandusky to Defiance, in the State of Ohio: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By general consent, Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Printing, to which was referred the report and maps of Lieutenant Emory, embracing the report of Captain Cook, the report and maps of Lieutenant Abert, and the journal of Captain Johnson, reported the following resolution, accompanied by a report, in writing, viz:

*Resolved*, That ten thousand extra copies of each of said reports be printed for the use of the House, and that, of said number, two hundred and fifty copies be furnished for the use of Lieutenant Emory, Captain Cook, and Lieutenant Abert, respectively.

The said resolution was read; and the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Henley obtained leave and introduced the following amendment to the joint rules of the two Houses; which was read, and agreed to, as follows:

Insert the following as the 20th joint rule:

"It shall be in order for the Committee on Printing to report at any time."

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Wentworth: The memorial of citizens of Kendall county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Ottawa, via Newark and Oswego, to Naperville, in said State.

By Mr. James Thompson: The petition of citizens of Clarion, Jefferson, and Elke counties, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Clarion to Ridgway, in Elke county.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Eagle Prairie, praying for a mail route from Wheeling, in the State of Illinois, to Summit, in Wisconsin Territory.

By Mr. George S. Houston: The petition of citizens of Franklin county, in the State of Alabama, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Russellville to Buzzard Roost, in said State.

By Mr. Green: The memorial of citizens of Scotland county, in the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Memphis, in said county, to Keosaque, in Van Buren county, in the State of Iowa.

By Mr. George S. Houston: The memorial of citizens of Limestone county, in the State of Alabama, praying for a reduction of postage on newspapers.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. McDowell: The memorial of Thomas Green, commissioner on behalf of the State of Virginia—heretofore presented April 27, 1844: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. James Thompson: The memorial of James Crooks, a British subject residing in Canada, praying indemnity for the illegal capture and loss of his vessel in the year 1802: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Chase: The memorial of Luke Tipton, of the State of Tennessee, praying for a pension on account of his services in the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Green: The petition of citizens of Rock Island county, in the State of Illinois, praying for a grant of the public lands for the support of common schools: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. James Thompson: Five petitions of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying that no further extension be given to the heirs of Jethro Wood of a patent for Wood's cast iron plough.

By Mr. Mullin: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Jefferson county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Conger: The petition of citizens of Cayuga county, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Jenkins: The petition of citizens of Oneida county, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Green county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Birdsall: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Tioga county, in the State of New York.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of Benjamin Joy, of Ludlowville, in the State of New York, praying that the duty on flax seed and linseed oil imported into the United States be increased, and made specific: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Botts reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 104) to authorize a loan not exceeding the sum of eighteen millions five hundred thousand dollars, had directed him to report the same with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; and the question was stated on agreeing to the said amendments: when

Mr. Vinton moved the previous question.

Mr. Robert W. Johnson moved, at 4 o'clock and twenty minutes, that the House adjourn; which motion was not agreed to; and

The previous question, moved by Mr. Vinton, was then seconded, and the main question was ordered and put; and the said amendments were separately and severally read, and agreed to by the House; and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when

Mr. Cocke moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 192 / Nays..... 14

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
George Fries
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines

Mr. John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris

Mr. Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
R. Barnwell Rhett
Gideon Reynolds
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. George Ashmun | Mr. Artemas Hale | Mr. Julius Rockwell |
| Richard S. Canby | Samuel D. Hubbard | Joseph M. Root |
| John Crowell | Charles Hudson | Truman Smith |
| David Fisher | Daniel P. King | James Wilson. |
| Joshua R. Giddings | John G. Palfrey | |

So the said bill was passed.

Mr. Clingman moved that the vote upon the passage of the said bill be reconsidered.

Mr. Stephens moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which motion was agreed to.

The title to the said bill was then read; and

On motion of Mr. Vinton amended, so as to read "An act to authorize a loan not to exceed the sum of sixteen millions of dollars."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

And then, on motion of Mr. Root, the House, at ten minutes before 5 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1848.

Mr. Richard W. Thompson, from the Committee on Elections, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the memorial and specifications of James Monroe, the reply thereto of David S. Jackson, together with the evidence and exhibits taken by the parties in relation to the contested election in the sixth congressional district of the State of New York, be printed for the use of the House.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Haralson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made a report upon the resolution of the House of the 20th of December last, accompanied by a joint resolution (No. 15) to refund money for expenses incurred, subsistence or transportation furnished, and money advanced, by individuals, citizens of the United States, for the use of the volunteers, before or after being mustered into the service of the United States: which was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the report and resolution ordered to be printed.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Burt, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred a joint resolution of the House (No. 9) providing for the payment of the regiment of Texas volunteers called into the United States service by Colonel Curtis, the commanding officer at Camargo, reported a joint resolution (No. 16) "providing for payment of the regiment of Texas mounted troops called into the service of the United States under the requisition of Colonel Curtis, in the year 1847:" which was read a first and second time, and

The question was stated, Shall it be engrossed, and read a third time; when

Mr. Henley moved to amend it, by striking out the following: "and also, that he cause to be paid to the said regiment the fair value of all horses which he shall be satisfied were lost by them, for want of forage, during the periods herein specified."

Mr. Pollock moved that the said resolution be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And, after debate, Mr. Giddings moved that the further consideration of the said joint resolution be postponed until Tuesday next: which motion was agreed to:

By unanimous consent, Mr. T. Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (No. 224) granting to the Florida, Alabama, and Georgia Railroad Company the alternate sections of the public lands along the route of their proposed railroads, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the report and bill were ordered to be printed; and the map accompanying the said report was referred by the Clerk to the Committee on Engraving.

Mr. King moved that five thousand copies extra of the said report be printed.

Mr. Collamer moved that the vote by which the said bill was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be reconsidered.

And, after debate, Mr. John A. Rockwell moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the said vote was reconsidered.

The question recurred, Shall the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union?

And being put,

It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Collamer moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

And the bill was referred accordingly.

Mr. John A. Rockwell offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the bill from the Senate entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones" shall cease in one hour after it shall have been taken up again in Committee of the Whole House, (if the Committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the Committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and then report it to the House, with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the Committee.

The said resolution was read; when

Mr. Starkweather moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative; and

The resolution was then agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. McClernand reported that the committee had had under consideration a bill from the Senate (No. 1) for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones, which he was directed to report to the House with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, the question being on agreeing to the said amendments; when

Mr. Bowlin moved to further amend the said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the following:

"That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to the legal heirs of John Paul Jones, late a commander in one of the armed vessels of the United States, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty-four thousand four hundred and twenty-one dollars and seventy-eight cents, being the amount of his claim to prize money accruing from certain captures made and carried into the port of Bergen in the year 1779: *Provided*, That before the Secretary pays the said sum of money to the said heirs, or any of them, he shall be fully satisfied, from proper evidence, that the claimants are the legal heirs, and only legal heirs, of John Paul Jones."

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and all the said amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House were severally read and concurred in; and the question was then stated, Will the House agree to the said amendment offered by Mr. Bowlin?

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the said amendment offered by Mr. Bowlin?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 77 / Nays ..... 100 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Mr. Elisha Embree
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Mr. Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
Harvey Putnam
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd

Mr. Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
Mr. James H. Thomas
Robert A. Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Mr. John Wentworth
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Mr. James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Mr. John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
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Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

It was then

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read the third time.

The bill was accordingly read the third time, and the question was stated, Shall it passs? when

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 99 / Nays ..... 77

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Mr. Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Mr. George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert.
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott

Mr. Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Mr. Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Mr. Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Charles W. Cathcart
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Mr. Richard French
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
Mr. Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
Harvey Putnam
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Robert A. Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the vote upon the passage of the said bill be reconsidered.

Mr. Pollock moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Stephens moved that when the House adjourns to day, it adjourn to meet on Monday next.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 84 / Nays ..... 82

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Mr. Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Ausburn Birdsall
Mr. Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin

Mr. Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Meredith P. Gentry
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Isaac E. Holmes
David S. Jackson
Mr. Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
David S. Kaufman
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Richard K. Meade
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
Mr. Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
David Rumsey, jr.
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. John Blanchard
Richard Brodhead
Jasper E. Brady
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
Charles W. Cathcart
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
James Dixon
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
George Fries
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Mr. Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Abraham Lincoln
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
James H. Thomas
Samuel F. Vinton
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 119. An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of fraud on the revenues of the Post Office Department,'" passed the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five;

S. 22. An act for the relief of Mary MacRea, widow of Lieuten-

ant Colonel William MacRea, late of the United States army, deceased;

S. 143. An act concerning the courts of the United States in and for the district of Michigan;

S. 82. An act for the relief of John Black, late consul of the United States at the city of Mexico;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Fries: The petition of citizens of Columbiana county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, to Mansfield, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Wiley: The petition of citizens of Bangor, in the State of Maine, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Bangor, in Penobscot county, to Moosehead lake, in Piscataquis county.

By Mr. Richey: The petition of citizens of Morgan county, in the State of Ohio, praying that the act of Congress passed March 3d, 1847, requiring the payment of postage on newspapers within thirty miles of the places of publication be repealed; and also, for a reduction of postage on letters.

By Mr. Nathan Evans: A petition of similar import, from citizens of Morgan county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Dartford, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Wampum, in the county of Fond du Lac, to Dartford;

Also, the petition of citizens of Port Washington, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Port Washington to Beaver Dam, in Dodge county;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Washington county, in the Territory of Wisconsin.

By Mr. Richard W. Thompson: The memorial of citizens of Park, Putnam, Clay, and Vigo counties, in the State of Indiana, praying for a reduction of postage in favor of juvenile publications of small dimensions; and also, on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Edgar county, in the State of Illinois.

By Mr. Lincoln: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Edgar county, in the State of Illinois.

By Mr. Tweedy: A petition of similar import, from citizens of Winnebago county, in the Territory of Wisconsin.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Maclay: Two memorials of citizens, praying that the general government shall no longer traffic in the public lands, and that they be laid out in farms and lots, for the free use of such citizens (not possessed of other land) as will occupy them: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The memorial of the College of Phar-

macy, of the city and State of New York, praying that a law may be enacted providing that all imported articles intended for medical use be subject to competent inspection: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Nelson: The petition of citizens of Westchester county, in the State of New York, remonstrating against a further renewal to the heirs of Jethro Wood of a patent for "Wood's cast iron plough."

By Mr. Gott: Three memorials of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Onondaga county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Conger: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Cortland county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. St. John: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Orange county, in the State of New York.

*Ordered*, That said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. McIlvaine: The petition of the heirs of Augustin Willet —heretofore presented February 20, 1846: which was referred to to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Andrew Johnson: The memorial of David Troxel—heretofore presented February 28, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Cocke: The petition of twenty-seven citizens of Belmont county, in the State of Tennessee—heretofore presented June 12, 1846.

By Mr. Palfrey: The petition of Solomon Jewett, of Sterling, in the State of Massachusetts, in behalf of himself and the other heirs of David and Ruth Jewett, deceased, praying for the compensation due the said David Jewett for his services in the war of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committeee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Iverson: The petition of Samuel A. Grier, of Randolph, in the State of Georgia, praying for the passage of an act providing for the repayment to him the amount of money which he was unjustly compelled to pay as security for Thomas M. Dennis, late postmaster at Randolph court-house, in said State.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of Joseph T. Walker—heretofore presented March 23, 1846;

Also, the petition of James M. Bates, praying compensation for his services as principal wagon-master of Fort Gilillard train, for transporting provisions in the Florida war;

Also, the petition of Isaac King, praying compensation for corn and fodder furnished the army in the Florida war;

Also, the petition of Joseph Hale, praying compensation for forage furnished the army in the Florida war;

Also, the petition of William J. Turner, praying compensation for forage furnished the army in the Florida war;

Also, the petition of James Strange, praying compensation for forage furnished the army in the Florida war.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Nicoll: The memorial of Emanuel Berri and John M. Keese, merchants of the city and State of New York, praying for the repayment of duties paid on a case of damaged ribbons which were entitled to debenture: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Embree: The petition of John F. Staser, of Vanderburg county, in the State of Indiana, praying for a grant of a quarter section of land for his services as a soldier in the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

And then, on motion of Mr. Robert W. Johnson, the House, at 4 o'clock and fifteen minutes, adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1848.

On motion of Mr. T. Butler King, by unanimous consent, it was

*Ordered*, That the motion made by him on Friday last, (and laid over, under the rule,) to print five thousand copies extra of the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs upon the subject of granting to the Florida, Alabama, and Georgia Railroad Company alternate sections of land along the route of their proposed road, be referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion of Mr. McClernand the rules were suspended; and,

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. McClernand introduced a bill (No. 225) to create the office of surveyor general of the public lands in the Territory of Oregon, and to grant donation rights to settlers therein, and for other purposes: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tweedy gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills of the following titles:

A bill to reduce the minimum price of certain reserved public lands in the Territory of Wisconsin, and to grant pre-emption rights to the settlers thereon.

A bill for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union.

Mr. Leffler gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to donate to the State of Iowa certain alternate sections of the public lands to aid in the construction of a railroad from Davenport to the Council Bluffs, on the Missouri river.

Mr. Kaufman gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill authorizing the State of Texas to extend her eastern and northern boundaries so as to include within the same one half of Sabine pass, Sabine lake, and Sabine river, up to the 32d degree of north latitude, and also one half of Red river from the point where a line drawn due north from said 32d degree of north latitude strikes said river westward to the degree of longitude 100 west from London and 23 from Washington.

Mr. Charles E. Stuart presented a resolution of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to the permanent enrollment of

the 1st regiment of Michigan volunteers into the service of the United States, under any act of Congress now in force or which may become a law during the present session of Congress: which resolution was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Phelps obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 226) to establish another judicial district in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes: which bill was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Willard P. Hall obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 227) for the relief of the volunteers engaged in the military service of the United States: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Ficklin obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 228) to cede the public lands within the limits of the new States, on certain conditions therein mentioned: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Wentworth obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 229) to grant a quantity of land to the State of Illinois for the purpose of aiding in opening the navigation of the Kankakee and Iroquois river, so as to connect with the Illinois and Michigan canal, which connects the upper lakes with the Mississippi river: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Andrew Johnson obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 230) to increase the pension of Henry Click, of Cocke county, Tennessee: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Wentworth, by general consent, it was

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce inquire into the expediency of establishing a marine hospital at the city of Chicago; also, as to the expediency of placing wrought iron buoys to mark out the channel of the St. Clair river; also, into the expediency of constructing a light-house at Port du Mort, or Death's Door, in Wisconsin Territory.

On motion of Mr. McClernand, by general consent, it was

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Fairfield to Maysville, in the State of Illinois.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the benefit of the bounty land system to the officers of the army who have become such by promotion.

On motion of Mr. Wilson the rules were suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to present a memorial of citizens of Milford, in the State of New Hampshire, remonstrating against an extension

of the patent for "Jethro Wood's cast iron plough," which he presented accordingly;

Also, like memorials from citizens of Peterboro' and Merrimac, in the State of New Hampshire.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Patents.

The Speaker proceeded to call the States in their order, and petitions were presented as follows, to wit:

By Mr. Leffler: The petition of citizens of Fort Madison, in the State of Iowa, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Fort Madison, in Lee county, to Dubuque, in said State;

Also, the petition of citizens of Buchanan county, in the State of Iowa, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Sturge's rapids, in Black Hawk county, to Salina, in the State of Illinois;

Also, the petition of sundry citizens of Linn county, in the State of Iowa, praying for a reduction of postage on juvenile publications of small dimensions, and on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Leffler: The petition of the members of the Legislature and others, of the State of Iowa, praying for the establishment of two judicial districts for the United States district court in said State: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Turner: The petition of citizens of Rock Island county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the passage of an act authorizing the location and entry of a quarter section of land in lieu of the sixteenth section, in Rock Island: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands;

Also, the petition of citizens of Peru, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Peru to Daysville, *via* Perkin's grove, Franklin grove, and Light-house point: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Thurston: The memorial of citizens of the city of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, praying that no further extension be given to the heirs of Jethro Wood of a patent for "Wood's cast iron plough."

By Mr. Nelson: A petition of citizens of Putnam county, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Irvin: The petition of citizens of Butler county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Pittsburg to Franklin, in Venango county.

By Mr. Gaines: The petition of W. H. Scott, of the State of Kentucky, praying indemnity for loss sustained by him, by the failure and refusal of the Postmaster General to give him a mail contract according to agreement.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of McLean county, in the State of Illinois, praying for a reduction of postage on juvenile publications of small size, and on all newspapers not containtng more than five hundred square inches;

Also, two memorials of citizens of Will and Iroquois counties, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Joliet, in Will county, in said State, to Lafayette, in the State of Indiana.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Butler: The memorial of the executor of Lieutenant Samuel Richards—heretofore presented December 19, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Green Adams: The petition of Jarvis Jackson, of the State of Kentucky—heretofore presented January 19, 1847: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Hunt: The memorial of citizens of the city and State of New York, praying that a law may be enacted by Congress admitting the products of Canada into the United States free of duty, or at a mere nominal rate, for statistical purposes alone;

Also, the petition of citizens of Syracuse, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Wentworth: The proceedings of a public meeting of masters and owners of steamers, and forwarders, held at the city of Buffalo, in the State of New York, in relation to a plan of signal lights for steam and sail vessels, and of organizing sailing directions.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Richardson: The petition of Luke Perry, of the State of Illinois, praying to be refunded a sum of money paid into the Land Office without having received a certificate for it.

By Mr. Leffler: The petition of the mayor and board of aldermen of the city of Burlington, in the State of Iowa, praying for a grant to said city of the lands making in front of it, in the Mississippi river.

By Mr. Kellogg: The petition of citizens of Ontario county, in the State of New York, praying that the public lands be laid out in farms and lots, for the free use of such citizens (not possessed of other lands) as will occupy them.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of Richard A. Fleming and others, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Andrew Johnson: The petition of Thomas Prichard, of Sullivan county, in the State of Tennessee, praying for a pension, in consideration of his services during the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions;

Also, the petition of Cornelius Hughes, of Green county, in the State of Tennessee, praying for a pension, on account of loss of hearing and general debility, caused by exposure and sickness while

in the military service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain;

Also, the petition of Edward Taylor, of Sullivan county, in the State of Tennessee, praying for a pension, on account of disabilities received by exposure while in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain;

Also, the papers in relation to the prayer of Jonathan Naif, of the State of Tennessee, for a pension.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The petition of John Wilson—heretofore presented February 12, 1841.

By Mr. Andrew Johnson: The petition of Henry Click, of the State of Tennessee, praying for an increase of pension.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and papers be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of Maria Page, widow of James Page, deceased, late a surgeon in the United States navy, praying for an increase of her pension;

Also, the petition of John W. Goin, administrator of Thomas Goin, deceased, late acting master in the United States navy, praying that a pension be given to the children of the said deceased—not having left a widow.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Kellogg: The petition of citizens of Washington county, in the State of New York, remonstrating against extending to the heirs of Jethro Wood the patent of "Wood's cast iron plough."

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Monroe county, in the State of New York.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Robert Smith: The memorial of citizens of Monroe and Randolph counties, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Waterloo, in Monroe county, to Chester, in Randolph county.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of citizens of Hamilton, in the State of Florida, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Jasper, in said State, to Centreville, in the State of Georgia.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. McIlvaine: The memorial of Charles R. Allen—heretofore presented May 18, 1846: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The petition of John F. Schermerhorn, praying for reimbursement of moneys advanced as commissioner to the Six Nations of Indians, and also for mileage as commissioner to treat with said Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Sawyer: The memorial of citizens of Toledo, in the State

of Ohio, praying that the public lands be laid out into farms for the free use of such citizens as will occupy them: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Chase moved that the rules of the House be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce a joint resolution expressive of the thanks of Congress to Generals to Twiggs, Worth, Pillow, Shields, Quitman, Patterson, Pierce, Smith, and Cadwalader;

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended for the purpose aforesaid?

It was decided in the affirmative, (two-thirds voting in favor thereof,) { Yeas ..... 110 / Nay ..... 54

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
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George G. Dunn
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Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Willard P. Hall

Mr. David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin

Mr. William A. Newall
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Eliakim Sherrill
Alexander D. Sims
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
William M. Cocke

Mr. Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Joshua R. Giddings

Mr. Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
Mr. Henry Nes
John S. Pendleton
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Mr. Truman Smith
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Hugh White
James Wilson.

The rules being suspended,

Mr. Chase introduced his said resolution, (No. 17:) which was read a first and second time.

Mr. Cocke moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs;

And, after debate,

Mr. Chase moved the previous question, which was seconded; and

The previous question was put, viz: "Shall the main question be now put?"

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 97 / Nays ..... 86

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Mr. Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sere
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. John Quincy Adams
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Mr. John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Mr. Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman

Mr. William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Mr. James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Mr. Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

The main question was then stated, viz: Shall the said resolution be engrossed, and read a third time, (the motion to refer being set aside by the previous question:) when

Mr. John Quincy Adams becoming suddenly very seriously ill in his seat in the House,

On motion of Mr. Cocke, the House, at twenty minutes past 1 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, February 22, 1848.

The Speaker said it was deemed appropriate that he should state to the House, from the chair, that his venerable colleague, John Quincy Adams, was still lying in a state of unconsciousness, in the Speaker's room; and, in the opinion of his medical attendants, rapidly sinking under the stroke by which he was yesterday prostrated;

Whereupon

Mr. Burt moved that the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Giddings suggested that the Journal of yesterday should state the cause of the early adjournment of the House.

The Speaker, with the general consent of the House, directed the entry to be made accordingly.

And then the House, in pursuance of the motion of Mr. Burt, at five minutes past 12 o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## WEDNESDAY, February 23, 1848.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Gott: Thirteen memorials of citizens of Onondaga county, in the State of New York, remonstrating against the renewal and

extension of letters patent to the heirs of Jethro Wood for an improvement in cast iron ploughs;

Also, a memorial of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Tompkins county, in the State of New York.

*Ordered*, That said memorials be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Turner: Two petitions of citizens of Ogle county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Mount Morris, in said county, to Madison, in the Territory of Wisconsin: which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The memorial of Charles Stearns, of Springfield, in the State of Massachusetts, praying relief for damages to which he was subjected by an illegal prosecution, by order of the Secretary of War, against him for riot and malicious trespass upon lands belonging to the United States: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Barringer, in consequence of the continued and critical illness of John Quincy Adams in the Capitol, at five minutes past 12 o'clock, moved that the House do now adjourn.

The House adjourned accordingly until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1848.

The Speaker announced the death of his colleague, John Quincy Adams, to the House, as follows:

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives of the United States:*

It has been thought fit that the Chair should announce officially to the House an event already known to the members individually, and which has filled all our hearts with sadness.

A seat on this floor has been vacated, towards which our eyes have been accustomed to turn with no common interest.

A voice has been hushed for ever in this hall, to which all ears have been wont to listen with profound reverence.

A venerable form has faded from our sight, around which we have daily clustered with an affectionate regard.

A name has been stricken from the roll of the living statesmen of our land which has been associated for more than half a century with the highest civil service and the loftiest civil renown.

On Monday, the 21st instant, John Quincy Adams sunk in his seat, in presence of us all, by a sudden illness, from which he never recovered; and he died in the Speaker's room, at a quarter past 7 o'clock, last evening, with the officers of the House and the delegation of his own Massachusetts around him.

Whatever advanced age, long experience, great ability, vast learning, accumulated public honors, a spotless private character, and a firm religious faith, could do, to render any one an object of interest, respect, and admiration, they had done for this distinguished person; and interest, respect, and admiration, are but

feeble terms to express the feelings with which the members of this House and the people of the country have long regarded him.

After a life of eighty years, devoted from its earliest maturity to the public service, he has at length gone to his rest. He has been privileged to die at his post; to fall while in the discharge of his duties; to expire beneath the roof of the Capitol; and to have his last scene associated for ever in history with the birth-day of that illustrious patriot whose just discernment brought him first into the service of his country.

The close of such a life, under such circumstances, is not an event for unmingled emotions. We cannot find it in our hearts to regret that he has died as he has died. He himself could have desired no other end. "This is the end of earth" were his last words, uttered on the day on which he fell. But we might almost hear him exclaiming as he left us, in a language hardly less familiar to him than his native tonge, "*hoc est, nimirum, magis feliciter de vitâ migrare, quam mori.*"

It is for others to suggest what honors shall be paid to his memory. No acts of ours are necessary to his fame. But it may be due to ourselves and to the country that the national sense of his character and services should be fitly commemorated.

Whereupon

Mr. Hudson offered the following resolutions; which were agreed to:

*Resolved*, That this House has heard, with the deepest sensibility, of the death, in this Capitol, of John Quincy Adams, a member of the House from the State of Massachusetts.

*Resolved*, That, as a testimony of respect for the memory of this distinguished statesmen, the officers and members of the House will wear the usual badge of mourning, and attend the funeral in this hall on Saturday next, at 12 o'clock.

*Resolved*, That a committee of thirty be appointed to superintend the funeral solemnities.

*Resolved*, That the proceedings of this House in relation to the death of John Quincy Adams be communicated to the family of the deceased by the Clerk.

*Resolved*, That this House, as a further mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, do adjourn to Saturday next, the day appointed for the funeral.

Mr. Hudson, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Thurston, Mr. Truman Smith, Mr. White, Mr. Edsall, Mr. Dickey, Mr. John W. Houston, Mr. Roman, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Barringer, Mr. Isaac E. Holmes, Mr. Howell Cobb, Mr. Gayle, Mr. Albert G. Brown, Mr. Morse, Mr. Vinton, Mr. Garnett Duncan, Mr. Cocke, Mr. Wick, Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Bowlin, Mr. Robert W. Johnson, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Kaufman, Mr. Leffler, and Mr. Tweedy, were accordingly appointed the committee, under the third of the said resolutions.

Mr. Newall offered the following additional resolution; which was read and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the seat in this hall just vacated by the death of

the late John Quincy Adams be unoccupied for thirty days, and that it, together with the hall, remain clothed with the symbol of mourning during that time.

Mr. Tallmadge offered the following additional resolution; which was also read and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Speaker appoint one member of this House from each State and Territory as a committee to escort the remains of our venerable friend, John Quincy Adams, to the place designated by his friends for his interment.

On motion of Mr. Vinton it was

*Ordered*, That the remarks of the Speaker announcing officially the death of John Quincy Adams be entered upon the Journal.

And then the Speaker, at seven minutes before 1 o'clock, p. m., announced that the House stood adjourned until Saturday, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1848.

The House met at 12 o'clock, meridian, pursuant to adjournment.

The funeral ceremonies of John Quincy Adams, a Representative from the State of Massachusetts, were performed; after which the corpse was conveyed to the congressional burial-ground in the following order of procession, as established by the Committee of Arrangements:

Military companies.
Band.
The Chaplains of both Houses.
Physicians who attended the deceased.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS:

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| Mr. Hudson, of Massachusetts, | Mr. Gayle, of Alabama, |
| Mr. Williams, of Maine, | Mr. Albert G. Brown, of Miss. |
| Mr. Wilson, of New Hampshire, | Mr. Morse, of Louisiana, |
| Mr. Marsh, of Vermont, | Mr. Vinton, of Ohio, |
| Mr. Thurston, of Rhode Island, | Mr. Garnett Duncan, of Kent'ky, |
| Mr. Truman Smith, of Conn., | Mr. Cocke, of Tennessee, |
| Mr. White, of New York, | Mr. Wick, of Indiana, |
| Mr. Edsall, of New Jersey, | Mr. Lincoln, of Illinois, |
| Mr. Dickey, of Pennsylvania, | Mr. Bowlin, of Missouri, |
| Mr. John W. Houston, of Dela., | Mr. Robert W. Johnson, of Ark., |
| Mr. Roman, of Maryland, | Mr. McClelland, of Michigan, |
| Mr. McDowell, of Virginia, | Mr. Cabell, of Florida, |
| Mr. Barringer, of N. Carolina, | Mr. Kaufman, of Texas, |
| Mr. I. E. Holmes, of S. Carolina, | Mr. Leffler, of Iowa, |
| Mr. Howell Cobb, of Georgia, | Mr. Tweedy, of Wisconsin. |

PALL-BEARERS.

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| Mr. McKay, of N. Carolina, | CORPSE. | Mr. Truman Smith, of Conn., |
| Mr. Boyd, of Kentucky, | | Mr. J. R. Ingersoll, of Penn., |
| Mr. Calhoun, of S. Carolina, | | Mr. Benton, of Missouri, |
| Chief Justice R. B. Taney, | | Hon. Justice J. McLean, |
| General George Gibson, | | Commodore Charles Morris, |
| Hon. W. W. Seaton, | | Hon. Thomas H. Crawford. |

The family and friends of the deceased.
The Senators and Representatives from the State of Massachusetts, as mourners.
The Sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives.
The House of Representatives of the United States, preceded by their Speaker and Clerk.
The other officers of the House of Representatives.
The Sergeant-at-arms of the Senate.
The Senate, preceded by their President and Senate.
The other officers of the Senate.
The President of the United States and his private secretary.
The heads of departments.
The judges of the Supreme Court of the United States and its officers.
The judges of the circuit and district courts of the District of Columbia and their officers.
The diplomatic corps.
The Comptrollers, Auditors, and other Heads of Bureaus of the several departments of the government with their officers.
Officers of the army and navy at the seat of government.
Members of State legislatures.
The corporation of Washington.
The Columbia Typographical Society.
Officers and students of Georgetown College.
Officers and students of Columbian College.
Literary institutions.
Fire companies of the district.
Masonic institution.
Odd Fellows.
Citizens and strangers.

After depositing the corpse in the burial ground, the Speaker, members, and officers returned into the Hall; and,

On motion of Mr. Nathan Evans, the House, at twenty-five minutes before 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until Monday, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## MONDAY, February 28, 1848.

In pursuance of the resolution offered by Mr. Tallmadge on Thursday, the 24th instant,

Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Collamer, Mr. Ashmun, Mr. Thurston, Mr. John A. Rockwell, Mr. Newall, Mr. McIlvaine, Mr. John W. Houston, Mr. Ligon, Mr. Meade, Mr. Barringer, Mr. Isaac E. Holmes, Mr. Lumpkin, Mr. Hilliard, Mr. Albert G. Brown, Mr. Morse, Mr. Schenck, Mr. French, Mr. Gentry, Mr. Caleb B. Smith, Mr. Wentworth, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Robert W. Johnson, Mr. Charles E. Stuart, Mr. Cabell, Mr. Kaufman, Mr. William Thompson, and Mr. Tweedy, were appointed the committee, of one member from each State and Territory, to escort the remains of the late John Quincy Adams to the place designated by his friends for their interment.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, by the unanimous consent of the House, introduced a bill (No. 231) granting the franking privilege to Louisa Catharine Adams: which bill was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Ashmun offered the following resolution, (the rules being suspended;) which was read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Arrangements be directed to cause to be published in a pamphlet form, and in such manner as may seem to them appropriate, for the use of the House, twenty thousand copies of the addresses made by the Speaker and members of this House, and of the addresses made in the Senate, together with the discourse of the reverend Mr. Gurley upon the occasion of the death of the honorable John Quincy Adams.

Mr. Slingerland moved to amend the said resolution, by striking out the word "*twenty*," and inserting in lieu thereof "*forty*;" which motion was not agreed to.

And the said resolution was then agreed to by the House.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the 22d instant, present to the President of the United States bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

S. 132. An act to authorize the issuing of a register or enrollment to the schooner Robert Henry.

S. 105. An act to provide additional quarters near to New Orleans for United States soldiers and volunteers returned from or going to the seat of war in Mexico.

S. 27. An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in certain cases, and for other purposes."

Mr. George W. Jones presented the following resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee, (the rules being suspended for that purpose:) which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed, viz:

A resolution relating to the service of Captains Gillespie, Peake, Vernon, and Rogers, with their companies, as mounted volunteers in the service of the United States in the year 1836.

A resolution in relation to horses lost by volunteers in the United States service in the Mexican war.

A resolution for an increase of the pay of the privates in our army in Mexico.

Mr. Levin, from the Committee on Engraving, made the following report:

The Committee on Engraving, to whom has been referred by the Clerk of the House the question of engraving and publishing the maps and drawings accompanying the report of Lieutenant Emory, ten thousand extra copies of which have been ordered by the House to be printed, report that one copy of the map and drawings

accompanying said report ought to be engraved and attached to each printed copy so ordered by the House.

The Clerk of the House has also referred to the committee the question of engraving and publishing a map accompanying the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs to the House on the 18th instant, made by their chairman, Mr. T. Butler King, on the memorial of the Alabama, Florida, and Georgia Railroad Company, the usual number of copies (thirteen hundred and eighty) of which have been ordered by the House to be printed; and the committee report that one copy of the map accompanying said report of the Committee on Naval Affairs ought to be engraved and attached to each printed copy so ordered by the House.

And thereupon it was

*Ordered*, That the said maps and drawings be engraved, agreeably to the said report.

Mr. Gayle, by leave of the House, presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alabama, in favor of cash or scrip in lieu of worthless lands heretofore granted by Congress for the use of schools: which memorial was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crisfield presented a resolution of the Legislature of the State of Maryland, in favor of an appropriation for a light-boat on the Seven Foot knoll, in the Chesapeake bay; for a light-house on Greenbury point; and a light-house on Flat Cap, at the mouth of Annamesser river: which resolution was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pillsbury presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Texas, protesting against the relinquishment of the Mexican provinces or States without indemnity, and also against any law which shall be intended to prevent the citizens of slave-holding States from taking their property with them in emigrating to said acquired territory: which resolutions were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Elias B. Holmes,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law against the importation of foreign criminals and paupers into the United States, or in some way to relieve the several seaport and lake towns from the burdens arising from an unprecedented increase of foreign paupers.

Mr. Elias B. Holmes gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to authorize the Brockfort and Clarkson Plank-road Company to import from Canada a certain quantity of lumber free of duty.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be directed to inquire into the justice and expediency of granting a bounty in land to such soldiers of the "old fourth regiment" of United States infantry as served during any part of the last war with Great Britain.

On motion of Mr. Sherrill,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post

route from Gilboa, in Schoharie county, New York, by way of Jefferson and North Harpersfield, to Davenport, in Delaware county, New York.

Mr. White offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War communicate to this House a list containing all the contracts entered into since the first December, 1846; stating, first, the name of the contractor and sureties: second, the nature and amount of each contract; whether advertised or not by publishing in one or more newspapers; the rate at which contracts were made; the prices paid for services performed or articles furnished: thirdly, what contracts have been fulfilled or performed, and what have not been; furnishing the reasons why; and whether any, and, if any, what measures have been taken to enforce the performance, or secure the government against loss by proceeding against the sureties: fourth, whether higher prices have been paid to other persons, who have performed, in whole or in part, any contracts or orders which had been undertaken by others, with the reasons for paying or allowing such extra or higher prices; giving the names and residence of such contractors and their sureties; and whether public notice was given of the failure of the parties to execute their contracts; also, showing whether the same parties who failed to perform their engagements were interested in subsequent contracts, at the same or higher rates.

Mr. Nelson offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Commissioner of Patents be, and he is hereby, requested to furnish this House with a list or statement of all patents which have heretofore been granted by the United States for the construction of ploughs, and for improvements in the construction of ploughs; setting forth the date of each patent; to whom granted; and the specifications of the inventions or improvements claimed by the patentees severally and respectively; whether any, and which, of such patents have been renewed or extended, and for what periods of time; and, that he also communicate to this House such other facts as it may be in his power to furnish, as shall the better enable this House to judge of the merits of the invention of the cast iron plough claimed by Jethro Wood.

Mr. Nathan K. Hall offered the following preamble and resolution; which were read; and, debate arising thereon, it was laid over, under the rule, viz:

Whereas there has been presented to this House, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, a petition of Alexander Hunter, esquire, marshal of the District of Columbia, praying for the settlement and payment of an account against the United States, for the commitment, feeding, and releasement of persons claimed as slaves or fugitives from service, and committed as such to the custody of the said marshal in the jail of the United States, in the District of Columbia; which account extends through several years, and consists of about two hundred items, amounting in the aggregate to five thousand three hundred and sixty-one dollars and sixty cents:

And whereas it appears by the said account that one Moses Thornton was kept in said jail for the space of twelve hundred and forty days, for which such marshal has charged the United States four hundred and twenty-one dollars and sixty cents; that four persons, designated as "Meades negroes," were kept in said jail five hundred and eighty-five days each, for which the said marshal has charged the United States seven hundred and ninety-five dollars and sixty cents; and had been before kept in said jail over fifty days each, for which said marshal has charged the United States seventy dollars and twenty-eight cents; that eight persons, designated as "Buckner's negroes," were kept in said jail four hundred and sixty-two days each, for which s id marshall has charged the United States one thousand three hundred and thirty-six dollars and sixty-four cents; that William Burrows and Joseph Armstrong were kept in said jail four hundred and forty-three days each, for which such marshal has charged the United States three hundred and one dollars and twenty-four cents; that Sarah A. Robinson was kept in such jail four hundred and twenty-one days, for which said marshal has charged the United States one hundred and forty-three dollars and fourteen cents; that Peyton Harris was kept in said jail three hundred and twenty-one days, for which such marshal has charged the United States one hundred and nine dollars and fourteen cents; and that five several persons, the cause of whose commitment is stated in said account to be a petition for freedom, were kept in said jail for one hundred and eleven, one hundred and seventy-two, two hundred and thirty-two, three hundred and seventy-one, and three hundred and seventy-one days respectively, for which said marshal has charged the United States four hundred and thirty-seven dollars and thirty-eight cents:

And whereas it is claimed and alleged, by or on behalf of the said marshal, that the commitment and detention of said persons, claimed to be slaves, was authorized and required by the laws of the United States, and was under and by virtue of warrants, orders, or process, of courts or magistrates of the United States within the district of Columbia; and that the United States are therefore bound to pay the said account:

And whereas it is supposed that the said commitments and detentions were authorized by the act of Codgress entitled "An act for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the government of the United States," passed July 16, 1790, by which it was provided that the laws of the States within the district accepted for the permanent seat of the government of the United States should not be affected by such acceptance until the time fixed for the removal of the government thereto, "and until Congress shall otherwise by law provide;" and the act of Congress entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia," passed February 27, 1801, by which it is enacted "that the laws of the State of Virginia, as they now exist, shall be and continue in force in that part of the District of Columbia which was ceded by said State to the United States, and by them accepted as the permanent seat of government; and that the laws of the State of Maryland, as they now exist, shall be and continue

in force in that part of the said district which was ceded by that State to the United States, and by them accepted as aforesaid;" and that the justices of the peace appointed in such district by the President of the United States "shall, in all matters, civil and criminal, and in whatever relates to the conservation of the peace, have all the powers vested in, and shall perform all the duties required of, justices of the peace, as individual magistrates, by the laws before continued in force in those parts of said district for which they shall have been respectively appointed:"

And whereas such commitments and detentions can only be authorized under the said acts of Congress, or some other act or acts of Congress authorizing the same:

And whereas the use of the public jail of the United States within the District of Columbia (while owned and controlled by the United States, and maintained at their expense) for the detention and safe-keeping of persons claimed as slaves or fugitives from service is not required for the full and perfect maintenance of the compromises of the Constitution: and whereas the further use, for the purposes aforesaid, of the public jail of the territory in which Congress has by the Constitution the express power of exclusive legislation is no interference with the domestic institutions of the States, more especially if the right of recapture, by the master or his agent, is left to act with full force upon the runaway slave or fugitive from service; and such use is repugnant to the feelings of a large majority of the people of the United States: therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be, and they are hereby, directed to report to this House, with all convenient speed, a bill repealing all laws of Congress, and abrogating, so far as they are operative or in force in the District of Columbia, all laws of the State of Maryland which authorize or require the courts, officers, or magistrates of the United States, or of the said district, within the District of Columbia, to issue process for arrest, or commit to the jail of the said district any runaway, or other slave or fugitive from service, or colored person claimed as such, except on due complaint and proof of, or on a conviction for, some crime or misdemeanor, the commission of which by any free white person would authorize in the same manner the arrest, commitment, and detention of such white person in like manner charged with or convicted thereof.

On motion of Mr. Gott,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Expenditures be instructed to ascertain, and report to this House, the expenses of the war with Mexico, giving the items of such expenses as far as practicable.

Mr. Lord offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the Commissioner of Patents be requested by this House to cause all the models now in his department of metallic air-tight coffins, designed for the convenient and safe transportation of bodies, to be examined and reported upon without delay.

Mr. Jenkins gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill

to satisfy claims for bounty lands, for military services in both wars with Great Britain.

Mr. Duer offered to present the following, as an amendment to the rules of the House:

*Resolved*, That no member who is permitted to make a personal explanation shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes in making such explanation.

Objection being made to the presentation of the said amendment,

Mr. Duer moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to present the same; which motion was agreed to, two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Duer accordingly presented his said amendment; which was read; when,

On motion of Mr. Howell Cobb, it was

*Ordered*, That the said amendment be referred to the select committee upon the rules and orders.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Hunt obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 232) for the relief of the legal representatives of Abraham Hogeboom, deceased: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Jenkins obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 233) to regulate the compensation of postmasters, to exempt certain newspapers from postage, and to reduce the postage on transient newspapers: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Post office and Post Roads.

Mr. Putnam offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, in the settlement of the difficulties pending between this country and Mexico, territory may be acquired in which slavery does not now exist:

And whereas Congress, in the organization of a territorial government, at an early period of our political history, established a principle worthy of imitation in all future time, forbidding the existence of slavery in free territory: therefore

*Resolved*, That in any territory which may be acquired from Mexico, over which shall be established territorial governments, slavery or involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, should be forever prohibited; and that in any act or resolution establishing such governments a fundamental provision ought to be inserted to that effect.

The said preamble and resolution were read: when

Mr. Putnam moved the previous question.

Mr. Brodhead moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 105 / Nays ..... 93 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Green Adams | Mr. Washington Barrow | Mr. Ausburn Birdsall |
| Archibald Atkinson | Thomas H. Bayly | James A. Black |
| Daniel M. Barringer | Henry Bedinger | Thomas S. Bocock |

Mr. Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa H. W. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Mr. James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Emile La Sère
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Mr. Charles S. Morehead
Isaac E. Morse
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
J. Dixon Roman
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Kingsley S. Bingham
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
George Fries
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Mr. Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
James H. Johnson
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Mr. Lucius B. Peck
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
David Wilmot
James Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Com-

mittee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hunt reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 135) further to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1848, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled joint resolution (No. 11) expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Winfield Scott and the troops under his command for their distinguished gallantry and good conduct in the campaign of 1847; and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 182) entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act in amendment of the acts respecting the judicial system of the United States.' "

They have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 74. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Jacques Moulon;

No. 76. An act for the relief of Fernando Fellanny;

No. 77. An act for the relief of Peter Engels, senior;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he has approved bills of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 105. An act to provide additional quarters near to New Orleans for United States soldiers and volunteers returned from or going to the seat of war in Mexico.

S. No. 132. An act to authorize the issuing of a register or enrollment to the schooner Robert Henry.

S. No. 27. An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, in certain cases, and for other purposes."

And then he withdrew.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The memorial of M. Baker, of Buffalo, in the State of New York, praying that no further extension be given of letters patent to the heirs of Jethro Wood for improvements in cast iron ploughs, formerly granted to said Wood, now deceased;

Also, three memorials of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Erie county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Gott: Four petitions of similar import from citizens of Onondago and Cortland counties, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Wilson: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Nelson, in the State of New Hampshire.

By Mr. Grinnell: A petition of William Whitman and others of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Collins: Seventeen memorials of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of the counties of Oneida, Madison, Wyoming, Onondaga, Stueben, Seneca, Niagara, Otsego, Tompkins, Ontario, and Lewis, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Putnam: Three memorials of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Genesee county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Sylvester: A petition of similar import from citizens of Columbia county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Starkweather: Twenty-five memorials of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of the counties of Tioga, Madison, Oneida, Cayuga, Herkimer, Wyoming, Saratoga, Seneca, St. Lawrence, Ontario, Monroe, Albany, Livingston, Wayne, Schoharie, and Oswego, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Conger: Three memorials of citizens of Cortland county, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. William T. Lawrence: Four memorials of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Tompkins, Yates, and Steuben counties, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: A memorial of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Franklin county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Mullin: Three memorials of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Jefferson county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Collins: Two memorials of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of St. Lawrence county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. St. John: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Orange county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Nelson: Two petitions of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Westchester county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Sherrill: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Ulster county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Monroe county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Reynolds: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Rensselaer county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Rumsey: A memorial of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Steuben county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. McClelland: Two memorials of citizens of Monroe and Adrian, in the State of Michigan, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Farrelly: Three memorials of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Crawford and Mercer counties in the State of Pennsylvania.

*Ordered*, That said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Williams: The petition of citizens of Orland, in the State of Maine, praying that the duty on fish be made specific, and at

the rate prescribed in the tariff of 1842: which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Ashmun: The petition of the heirs of John Knderick, one of the first explorers of the Territory of Oregon, deceased, praying for a confirmation of their titles to certain lands in said Territory: which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. Farrelly: The petition of James Crawford—heretofore presented February 5, 1847;

Also, the petition of George Green—heretofore presented June 10, 1846.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Farrelly: The petition of John Harris—heretofore presented August 3, 1846.

By Mr. Toombs: The memorial of the Pacific and other insurance companies of the city and State of New York, praying remuneration for damages sustained by them in suits against James Connard, marshal of the eastern district of the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Mann: The petition of James Moorhead, praying compensation for work done by him in the erection of a dam in the Ohio river, under a contract with the government of the United States.

By Mr. Ligon: The petition of Alexander H. Mechlin, of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying compensation for extra official services.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Palfrey: The memorial of Photius Kavasales, of Washington city, in the District of Columbia, praying Congress to pass a law allowing him to take the surname of Fisk: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Brady: The petition of Edward Armor, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, praying for an increase of pension.

By Mr. Roman: The petition of John Harrigan, praying for a pension on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Farrelly: The petition of John Forest—heretofore presented May 23, 1846;

Also, the petition of Abijah F. Bolton—heretofore presented April 11, 1846.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The petition of Jonathan Slyter—heretofore presented August 8, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Garnett Duncan: The petition of William H. Humfries, of Jefferson, in the State of Kentucky, praying for the passage of an act which will enable him to obtain bounty land on account of his services as a volunteer in Mexico.

By Mr. Putnam: The petition of citizens of Batavia, in the State of New York, praying that the public lands be laid out into farms

and lots for the free use of such citizens, not possessed of other land, as will occupy them;

Also, a petition of like import with the foregoing from citizens of Byron, in the State of New York;

Also, a petition of like import with the foregoing from citizens of Yonkers, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Harmanson: The resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, in relation to the appropriating a portion of the public lands to each of the officers and soldiers of the volunteers who have served, or may serve, in the army of the United States in the war with Mexico;

Also, the memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, praying for a law authorizing the governor of said State to locate other land in lieu of the sixteenth sections that may fall upon valueless lands; and that the said Legislature be vested with full power to provide by law for the sale and conveyance of all lands in said State;

Also, the resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana of similar import with the foregoing memorial.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions, memorials, and resolutions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Schenck: The petition of citizens of Montgomery county, in the State of Ohio, praying that the soldiers who have been enlisted or mustered into the army and afterwards, before their time of service expired, were promoted to be commissioned officers, may receive the same bounty land as if they had been discharged as privates.

By Mr. Hubbard: The petition of citizens of Middletown, in the State of Connecticut, praying Congress to withdraw our troops from Mexico, and have all differences existing between the two nations adjusted without further resort to arms.

By Mr. Farrelly: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Crawford county, in the State of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Wick: The joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, praying for the passage of a law providing for the payment to the adjutant general of said State for his services in raising and organizing two regiments of volunteers.

By Mr. McIlvaine: The petition of citizens of Chester county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying Congress to take such measures as will put a stop to the war with Mexico, and without acquiring any Mexican territory.

By Mr. Cummins: The petition of citizens of Tuscarawas county, in the State of Ohio, praying that bounty land be granted to such non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates as have, during the present war with Mexico, been promoted to commissioned officers.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of the heirs of Noah Wiseman—heretofore presented February 5, 1840.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Jenkins: Five memorials of citizens of Oneida county,

in the State of New York, remonstrating against an extension of letters patent to the heirs of Jethro Wood for an improvement in cast iron ploughs;

Also, three petitions of like import with the foregoing from citizens of Cayuga county, in the State of New York;

Also, twelve petitions of like import with the foregoing from citizens of the counties of Wayne, Ontario, Wyoming, Oswego, Onondaga, Lewis, Madison, and Monroe, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Hubbard: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of New Haven, in the State of Connecticut.

By Mr. Birdsall: A memorial of similar import with the foregoing from the executive committee of the State of New York.

By Mr. White: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Schenectady, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Duer: A memorial of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Wayne county, in the State of New York.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Bayly: The memorial of Josiah Colston, late a purser in the navy, praying that his accounts as purser may be adjusted and paid: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The memorial of the heirs of James Bell, deceased, praying the payment of a balance due them for advances of money and provisions made by the said deceased during the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Reynolds: The memorial of Almy Tifft, sole heir of Jonathan Maxson, deceased, of Rensselaer county, in the State of New York, praying for the arrearage of pension and compensation due the said deceased for his services, and for wounds and disabilities received and incurred during the war of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That said memorials be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Wentworth: The memorial of citizens of Will county, in the State of Illinois, remonstrating against the confirmation of the titles to certain Indian claims in said county: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Garnett Duncan: The memorial of Simeon Buckner, of Louisville, in the State of Kentucky—heretofore presented May 11, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of Grinnell, Minturn, and Company, and other citizens of the city of New York, praying for the passage of a law providing for the establishment of certain improvements on board of emigrant vessels, to prevent the ship fever;

Also, the petition of Atkins Dyer, of Truro, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the refunding of certain tonnage money.

By Mr. Garnett Duncan: The petition of the board of trade of the city of Wheeling, in the State of Virginia, praying Congress to make such amendments to the existing laws regulating the running of steamboats as shall more effectually protect life and property on the western rivers;

Also, the petition of R. De Hart, of Louisville, in the State of

Kentucky, praying Congress to provide by law that the boats and vessels of the western lakes and rivers shall carry lights, to avoid the danger of collision.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Southport, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for an additional appropriation for the completion of the harbor at that place.

By Mr. Lahm: The petition of citizens of Stark county, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to pass a law making it penal to use, on board of any steamboat carrying passengers, a boiler which has a safety valve with a diameter of less than twelve inches; with other provisions in said law as will be calculated to diminish the number of steamboat accidents.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The memorial of the Brockport and Clarkson Plank-road Company, in the State of New York, praying to be allowed to import, for the construction of said road, a certain quantity of lumber from Canada free from duty.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Birdsall: The petition of Martha Winans, widow of Abraham Winans, deceased, praying for a pension, in consideration of the services, and the wounds and disabilities received and incurred by her late husband during the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Hammons: The petition of Nahum Foss, of Limington, in the State of Maine, in behalf of himself and other heirs of John Foss, deceased, praying for the arrearage of pension due the said deceased for his services during the revolutionary war.

By Mr. Clapp: The memorial of Joanna Staples, praying for the passage of an act granting a pension to widows of revolutionary soldiers married prior to the 18th of March, 1818.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of Rebecca Bump, of Mount Morris, in the State of New York, praying for an extension of the laws granting pensions to the widows of revolutionary soldiers.

By Mr. Pollock: The petition of Maria Brown Becker, late widow of Joel Brown, deceased, praying a pension, on account of the services and death of her late husband while in service during the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Farrelly: The petition of Mary Wood—heretofore presented May 7, 1846;

Also, the petition of John Sutherland—heretofore presented April 14, 1846.

By Mr. Marsh: The petition of Mary Pike, widow of Ezra Pike, deceased—heretofore presented February 14, 1846.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The memorial of William K. Ashard, of New York, praying compensation for a lock and primer for cannon: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Hudson: The petition of citizens of Bowdoinham, in the State of Maine, praying that peace may be made with Mexico.

By Mr. Jenkins: The petition of citizens of the State of New

York, praying for the discontinuance of the war with Mexico, and a prohibition of slavery in any territory that may be acquired.

By Mr. Shepperd: The petition of the yearly meeting of the society of Friends, in the city of New Orleans, and State of Louisiana, praying for an immediate termination of the war with Mexico.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The memorial of Bogert and Kneeland, Benjamin L. Swan, and Thaddeus Phelps and Company, of the city of New York, and Jacob Idler, of the city of Philadelphia, praying Congress to aid them in obtaining a claim they have against the government of Venezuela.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Lahm: Two memorials of citizens of Wayne county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a reduction of postage on juvenile publications of small size, and on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Van Dyke: A memorial of like import with the foregoing, from citizens of Morris county, in the State of New Jersey.

By Mr. Charles E. Stuart: Two memorials of citizens of Van Buren and Branch counties, in the State of Michigan, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Reynolds: The memorial of citizens of Troy, in the State of New York, praying for the passage of a law authorizing the transportation of newspapers and other publications through the mails at reduced rates of postage, or free.

By Mr. Sherrill: The memorial of citizens of Delaware county, in the State of New York, praying for a change and reduction in the rates of postage.

By Mr. Birdsall: The petition of sundry postmasters of the State of New York, praying for a change in the laws regulating the compensation of postmasters.

By Mr. Andrew Stewart: The petition of John McAllister, of Greene county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying compensation for mail service rendered according to a contract with the Post Office Department.

By Mr. Dickinson: Five memorials of citizens of Seneca county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Tiffin to Risdon, in said county and State.

By Mr. Turner: The petition of citizens of Whiteside county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Peru, *via* Princeton and Crandall's ferry, to Rock island;

Also, a petition of like import with the foregoing, from citizens of Bureau county, in the State of Illinois;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Princeton, in the State of Illinois.

By Mr. Mann: The petition of citizens of Cambria county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Hollidaysburg, in Blair county, to the "Cherry tree," in Cambria county.

By Mr. Wentworth: The memorial of citizens of La Salle county,

in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Ottawa to Naperville.

By Mr. Rockhill: The petition of citizens of Steuben county, in the State of Indiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Lima, in said State, to Defiance, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. McClelland: The memorial of citizens of Hillsdale, in the State of Michigan, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Hillsdale, in said State, to Montpelier, in Williams county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Eckert: The petition of citizens of Lebanon county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Jonestown, in Lebanon county, to Rehrersburg, in Berks county;

Also, the petition of citizens of Schuylkill county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Orwigsburg, in said county, to Lehightown, in Carbon county.

By Mr. St. John: The memorial of citizens of Sullivan county, in the State of New York, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Fosterdale to Rockland, in said county.

By Mr. McIlvaine: The petition of citizens of Chester county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Avondale, in Chester county, to Stanton, in New Castle county, in the State of Delaware.

By Mr. Sawyer: The memorial of citizens of Defiance county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Tiffin, in Seneca county, to Defiance.

By Mr. Lahm: The petition of citizens of Stark county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Massillon, in said county, to Middlebury, in Summit county.

By Mr. Richey: The memorial of citizens of Washington and Athens counties, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a weekly mail route from Constitution, in Washington county, to Federalton, in Athens county.

By Mr. Dickinson: The memorial of citizens of Crawford county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Bucyrus, in said county, to Republic, in Seneca county.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 4 o'clock and five minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1848.

Mr. Haralson, by leave of the House, presented resolutions of the Legislature of Georgia, relating to the military academy at West Point: which resolutions were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed;

Also, a joint resolution of the Legislature of Georgia, for the establishment of a mail route: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

The Speaker then proceeded to call the committees for reports:

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, made a report upon the petition of Mathews, Wood, and Hall, accompanied by a bill (No. 235) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of the legal representatives of William D. Cheever, deceased, accompanied by a bill (No. 236) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of John Morgan, accompanied by a bill (No. 237) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of James F. Megowan, George W. Rumyon, Thomas Bryan, and George W. Bell, praying compensation for the loss of horses in the war with Mexico: which reports were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, to which was referred the petitions of James Jones, James C. Neely, James C. Cooper, Caleb Neely, Samuel Pigg, James Mahoney, Mary Carty, Catherine Ramey, and Thomas E. Thorp, praying compensation for horses lost in the war with Mexico, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 238) "to provide for the payment of horses and other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States:" which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury communicate to this House what number of additional clerks, if any, are necessary in any of the bureaus in his department, in order to facilitate the transaction of the public business; and what amount of money ought to be appropriated to defray the expenses consequent on the appointment of such clerks.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee of Claims, made a report upon the petition of the legal representatives of James Porterfield, deceased, accompanied by a bill (No. 239) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Allen Gorham, McKnight, Brent and Wood, and Henry W. Andrews: which reports were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nelson, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Andrew A. Jones, an inspector of the customs of the port of New York, accompanied by a bill (No. 240) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nelson, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Casper B. Cook and fourteen others, citizens of New York, who served as a band of music attached to the 19th regiment, 11th brigade, and 14th division of New York militia during the late war with Great Britain, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 241) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crowell, from the Committee of Claims, reported bills of the following titles:

No. 242. A bill for the relief of Zachariah Lawrence, of Ohio;

No. 243. A bill supplementary to the joint resolution "authorizing the accounting officers of the treasury to audit and settle the accounts of William P. Zantzinger," approved the 15th of June, 1844;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crowell, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Heman Lowry: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles:

No. 244. A bill for the relief of Daniel Steenrod;

No. 245. A bill for the relief of Gideon Walker;

No. 246. A bill for the relief of Dr. A. G. Henry, of Illinois;

No. 247. A bill for the relief of John B. Rodgers, of South Carolina;

No. 248. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Bernard Todd, deceased;

No. 249. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Robert Fulton, deceased;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of W. J. A. Bradford, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Daniel, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 25) entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Fisher, deceased," reported the same back without amendment, accompanied by a report, in wri-

ting: which bill was committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ligon, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the legal representatives of Captain William Smallwood Tillard, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 250) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hunt, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 47) entitled "An act making an appropriation for removing obstructions in the Savannah river," reported the same back with an amendment: which bill was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hunt, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petitions upon the subject, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 251) for the allowance of drawback on wheat imported from the British North American provinces when manufactured in the United States and exported to foreign countries: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petitions upon the subject, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 252) for the relief of the owners and crews of certain vessels employed in the codfishery: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of William A. Carson, reported a bill (No. 253) to change the name of the steamboat Charles Downing to the Calhoun: which bill was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrosed and read a third time to-day.

The said bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read a third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Thibodeaux, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 254) supplementary to an act approved July 7, 1838, entitled "An act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam," accompanied by a report, in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thibodeaux, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 255) to establish a collection district in the State of Georgia: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thibodeaux, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Emerie, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thibodeaux, from the same committee, moved that the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (No. 218) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the better security of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam," approved July 9, 1838, and that it be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Simpson, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of James Foster, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill (No. 256) to legalize the transfer of bounty land warrant number 7,943, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles:

No. 257. A bill to amend the act approved the 24th of May, 1824, entitled "An act supplementary to an act approved on the third of March, eighteen hundred and nineteen, entitled 'An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices;'"

No. 258. A bill to provide for cases of lost bounty land warrants; accompanied by reports in each case: which bills were read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garnett Duncan, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of John Ozias, accompanied by a bill (No. 259) for his benefit: which was read a first and second time, committed to a committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garnett Duncan, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of John Tucker and Barbara Lancaster: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garnett Duncan, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 66) entitled "An act confirming former sales by the State of Illinois of the Ohio saline reservations, and authorizing the sale of the residue of such reservations," reported the same back without amendment: which bill was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garnett Duncan, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 15) entitled "An act to allow further time for satisfying claims for bounty lands, for military services in the late war with Great Britain, and for other purposes,"

reported back the same with an amendment: which bill was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Root, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to which was referred the resolution of the Senate (No. 1) entitled "A resolution in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser," reported back the same with an amendment: which resolution was committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Goggin, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 260) to establish certain post routes: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Goggin, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill (No. 85) for the relief of William De Buys, late postmaster at New Orleans, reported the same back without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. George W. Jones, from the same committee, submitted the views of the minority upon the said bill, (No. 85:) which was ordered to be printed with the report of the majority, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Goggin, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Edwin Porter and Company: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Goggin, from the same committee, reported the following resolution: which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act of April 30, 1790, entitled "An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States," so as to provide more effectually for the punishment of depredations on the mail, and of extending the limitation for the commencement of indictments or informations beyond the period of two years, or of abolishing the same altogether; and that the letter of James Hutchinson, a postmaster in Georgia, referring to that subject, together with the letter of the Postmaster General to the chairman of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, of the 7th January last, be referred, with this resolution, to the said Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Charles Brown,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (No. 73) of the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Jones and Boker," and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. George W. Jones, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, made adverse reports on the petitions of Farley D. Thompson and of merchants and citizens of Mobile, Alabama: which reports were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 55) entitled

"An act for the relief of Richard S. Coxe," reported the same back without amendment: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate entitled "An act for the relief of Milledge Galphin, executor of the last will and testament of George Galphin, deceased," reported the same back without amendment: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 75) entitled "An act for the relief of Richard Bloss and others," reported the same back without amendment: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 260½) supplemental to the act entitled "An act concerning the Supreme Court of the United States," approved June 17, 1844: which bill was read a first and second time; and the question was stated on ordering the said bill to be engrossed; when

Mr. Bowlin submitted an amendment thereto, which proposed to strike out all of the same after the enacting clause, and insert an entire new bill, and moved that the said bill and amendment be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which motion was disagreed to. And thereupon

On motion of Mr. Bowlin,

The consideration of the said bill was postponed until Monday next, and the bill and amendment ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lumpkin, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of William Fuller, accompanied by a bill (No. 261) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the said bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dixon, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Susan C. Randall, accompanied by a bill (No. 262) for her relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and said bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dixon, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of the heirs of Francois Cazeau, accompanied by a bill (No. 263) for their relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and said bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashmun, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill (No. 89) from the Senate entitled "An act to make attachments which are made under process issuing from the courts of the United States conform to the laws regulating such attachments in the courts of the States," reported the same back with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill: when The said amendments were severally read and agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said amendments being engrossed, the bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendments.

Mr. Taylor, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 48) entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Capella, administrator of Andrew Capella, deceased; and for the relief of John Casso; and for the relief of Elijah Petty and Hannah Petty, his wife; heirs of John Beardon, deceased," reported the same back without amendment: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Vinton moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Bowdon, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of the heirs of Colonel David Hopkins, accompanied by a bill (No. 264) for their relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and said bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Daniel P. King, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Elizabeth Converse, widow of Josiah Converse, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 265) for her relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and said bill and report were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Daniel P. King,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Patience Corbin, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Daniel P. King, from the same committee, made an adverse report on the petition of the heirs of Susannah and George Stewart: which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill (No. 266) "for the relief of Charles Cappel:" which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The said bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

The following memorials, petitions, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Dickinson: Two memorials of citizens of Seneca county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Tiffin to Risdon, in said county and State.

By Mr. Charles E. Stuart: The memorial of citizens of Brooklyn, in the State of Michigan, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Brooklyn to Grass lake.

By Mr. Garnett Duncan: The memorial of citizens of Lockport, in the State of Kentucky, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Pleasureville to Owenton.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of citizens of Ashtabula county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a reduction of postage on newspapers of certain dimensions, and on juvenile publications of small size.

*Ordered*, That said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Giddings: The memorial of citizens of Massillon, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to provide by legislation that all expenses hereafter incurred in the prosecution of the war with Mexico be raised by direct taxation on the American people: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Cummins: The memorial of citizens of Tuscarawas county, in the State of Ohio, praying that bounty land be granted to non-commissioned officers and musicians who entered the service as privates in the existing war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Pendleton: The petition of Frederick Koons and William A. Dean, of Alexandria, in the State of Virginia, praying compensation for goods and merchandize furnished the officers and men of a company of volunteers: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Giddings: The memorial of William Milford, of Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, praying reimbursement for damages sustained by him through the neglect of duty of the United States district attorney, while collector of the customs of the district of Cuyahoga, in the State of Ohio: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The petition of H. S Stellwagen, a lieutenant in the United States navy, praying Congress to purchase, for the use of the government, a sounding apparatus of his invention.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of citizens of New Buffalo, in the State of Michigan, praying for the establishment of a naval depot at New Buffalo, in said State.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The petition of the mayor and common council of the city of Rochester, in the State of New York—heretofore presented March 1, 1847.

By Mr. Giddings: Two petitions of citizens of Stark county, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to propose such an amendment to the Constitution of the United States as shall dissolve the union between the northern and southern States, or release the non-slaveholding States from all legal obligation in upholding slavery;

Also, a petition from the same, praying for the withdrawal of

the army now in Mexico, and that Congress take efficient steps for the amendment of the Constitution of the United States, where it grants a privilege to make war or in any way take life.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Clingman: The petition of William Ledford, praying for a pension, on account of his services in the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of Daniel Griswold, of Miami county, in the State of Indiana, praying for a pension, on account of disabilities brought on him by exposure and hardships during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Giddings: The memorial of citizens of Bedford, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to provide by law for a proposal to other governments that a congress of nations may be assembled, to form a code of international law, by which their varying interest may be determined: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Cocke moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Barringer, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred bill from the Senate No. 12, entitled "An act authorizing persons to whom reservations of land have been made, under certain Indian treaties, to alienate the same in fee," reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Cummins moved that the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which motion was not agreed to.

And, after debate,

The said bill was ordered to be read a third time to-day; and thereupon

The said bill was read a third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Barringer, from the same committee, to which was referred resolution from the Senate No. 9, entitled "A resolution for the relief of Betsy McIntosh," reported the same with an amendment; and thereupon

The said amendment was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed, and the resolution read a third time to-day.

The said amendment being engrossed, the resolution was accordingly read the third time and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment.

Mr. Buckner, from the same committee, to which was referred bill from the Senate No. 45, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Talbot and others," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Burt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of the House of the 20th of December last, relating to the "manufacturing of an additional number of arms at the national armories of Harper's Ferry and Springfield," and that it be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Burt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of J. L. K. Reeves, lieutenant 1st regiment United States artillery, and adjutant of the United States military academy, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Marvin, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred bill from the Senate No. 51, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles L. Dell," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (No. 267) to regulate the pay and emoluments of the professors in the naval school and in the national observatory: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stanton, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Uriah Brown, asking for a further testing of his discovery of liquid fire, to be used in the national defences, made an unfavorable report thereon: which was laid on the table, and the report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stanton, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 118) entitled "An act to enable the accounting officers of the treasury to audit and settle the accounts of certain acting officers therein mentioned," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and printed.

On motion of Mr. Stanton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of John D. Gibson and Lieutenant A. Garland, and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Bayly, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Thomas Ap Catesby Jones, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 268) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bayly, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Andrew C. Armstrong, accompanied by a bill (No. 269) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed

to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. White, from the same committee, to whom was referred the case of Captain John Percival, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 270) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Julius Rockwell, from the Committee on Territories, reported the following resolution; which was read and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That the accompanying report of Lieutenant Neil M. Howison, of the United States navy, to the commander of the Pacific squadron, being the result of an examination, in the year 1846, of the coast, harbors, rivers, soil, productions, climate, and population of the Territory of Oregon, be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Rockwell, from the same committee, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That ten thousand extra copies of the same be printed.

The said resolution was read; when,

On motion of Mr. Conger,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Cocke, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the resolution of the House of January 17, instructing them to inquire into the "expediency of granting to widows who were married to revolutionary officers or soldiers prior to 1812 all the benefits of the acts which are or may be passed for the benefit of those widows who were married prior to 1794," made a report thereon, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to extend the pension system to such widows of the officers and soldiers of the revolution as were married subsequent to the first day of January, 1794.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, from the same committee, by leave, reported the views of the minority upon the same subject.

*Ordered*, That the said reports and resolution be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

Mr. Cocke, from the same committee, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That a resolution which passed this House on a former day of the present session of Congress requiring the Commissioner of Pensions to deliver to the members of this House the original papers in any case pending in his office, upon giving a receipt for the same, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Cocke obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 271) repealing so much of the first section of an act entitled "An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes,'" approved 1846, as authorizes the President of the United States, when the war with Mexico shall be terminated by a definite treaty

of peace, to select from the brigadier and major generals then in service the number to be retained, without regard to the date of their commissions: which bill was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and the bill was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cummins, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petition of Hannah Wightman, widow of Jonathan Wightman; Elizabeth Wright, widow of William Wright; Hannah Wightman, formerly widow of John Hart; and Sarah Miles, widow of William Miles: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Samuel Hutchinson: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Freedley, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 272. A bill for the relief of H. Carrington, executor of Paulina Le Grand, deceased;

No. 273. A bill for the relief of Anna Giffin;

accompanied by reports in each case: which bills were read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Freedley, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petitions of John Morrison and of Elizabeth Pool, deceased: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Strong, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Tabitha Temple, of Clarinda Mix, of Agnes Clark, and of Jane Lynn: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Dorcas Lindenburger and five other widows of revolutionary soldiers, and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Donnell, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Mary M. Foote, of Lucy Wright, and of Elizabeth Martin: which reports were laid upon the lable.

Mr. Sylvester, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of John Gorman: which report was laid upon the table.

Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 124) entitled "An act to extend the provisions of the existing pension laws to enlisted men of the ordnance corps of the United States army," reported the same with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

Mr. Fulton, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 274. A bill for the relief of William Butler;

No. 275. A bill for the relief of Artemas Conant;
accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fulton, from the same committee, moved that the committee be discharged from the consideration of the cases of Stephen C. Hogan and of Robert T. Norris, and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Eckert, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Richard Reynolds, accompanied by a bill (No. 276) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 277. A bill granting a pension to John Morrison;

No. 278. A bill granting a pension to Ruth Hallenbeck;
accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. William T. Lawrence,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Daniel Palmer, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition; and

Thereupon the said petition was withdrawn by the honorable Mr. Slingerland.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made adverse reports in the cases of Aquilla Goodwin, of Alexander McDonald, and of Alexander McEwen: which reports were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles:

No. 279. A bill for the relief of Jesse Washington Jackson;

No. 280. A bill for the relief of James Fugate;

No. 281. A bill for the relief of Samuel Gray;

No. 282. A bill for the relief of Lizur B. Canfield;
accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wiley, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 283. A bill for the relief of John Hibbert;

No. 384. A bill for the relief of Daniel H. Warren;

No. 285. A bill for the relief of John Campbell;

No. 286. A bill for the relief of Nathaniel Shiflett;
accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the said bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robert A. Thompson, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles:

No. 287. A bill for the relief of Lewis Hastings;

No. 288. A bill for the relief of Skelton Felton;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the said bills and reports were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farrelly, from the Committee on Patents, reported a bill (No. 289) for the relief of Elisha H. Holmes, accompanied by a report: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farrelly, from the same committee, made a report to accompany the bill (No. 28) for the relief of Calvin Emmons, reported on the 4th of January last: which report was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kennon, from the Committee on Accounts, made an adverse report upon the resolution of the House of the 31st of January last relative to extra compensation to John Lee: which report was laid upon the table.

Mr. Farrelly, from the Committee on Patents, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 39) entitled "An act to provide additional examiners in the Patent Office, and for other purposes," reported the same with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill: when

The said amendments were read, and agreed to.

Mr. Andrew Johnson moved to amend the said bill, by striking out the word "*twenty*," in the 17th line of the first section of the said bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "*fifteen;*"

And, after debate,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Stephens, and seconded; and the main question was ordered to be *now* put,

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty-five minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1848.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill from the Senate (No. 39) entitled "An act to provide additional examiners in the Patent Office, and for other purposes."

The question being on agreeing to the amendment offered yesterday by Mr. Andrew Johnson, and pending when the House adjourned, on striking out the words "*twenty-five*," in the first section of the bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "*fifteen;*"

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 79 / Nays ..... 105

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Kingsley S. Bingham
James A. Black
James B. Bowlin
Nathaniel Boydon
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
John Freedley
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Mr. William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
James G. Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
James J. McKay
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Mr. Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
John S. Phelps
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Hezekiah Williams
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Thomas S. Bocock
Jasper E. Brady
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Mr. John H. Harmanson
Thomas J. Henley
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
David S. Jackson
Timothy Jenkins
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sere
William T. Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Mr. Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Peter H. Sylvester
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W Wick
James S. Wiley.

The question recurred on ordering the said bill to be read a third time;

And, being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. McClelland moved that the vote by which the said bill was ordered to be read a third time be reconsidered.

Mr. Clingman moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 74 / Nays ..... 116

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Richard Brodhead
Jasper E. Brady
Charles Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
John W. Farrelly
Richard French
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
Mr. Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
David Hammons
John H. Harmanson
Thomas J. Henley
Isaac E. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sere
William T. Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Isaac E. Morse
Mr. Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
John G. Palfrey
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Daniel B. St. John
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Nathaniel Boyden
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Richard S. Canby
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
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William M. Cocke
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Mr. John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
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George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Mr. Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King

Mr. Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Mr. Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Mr. George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

The question recurred on the motion of Mr. McClelland to reconsider.

And, after debate, Mr. McClelland moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the said vote was reconsidered.

The question recurred on ordering the said bill to a third reading; when

Mr. Vinton moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

Before putting this motion, by unanimous consent the Speaker laid before the House the following communication, viz:

WASHINGTON, *29th February*, 1848.

SIR: The resolutions in honor of my dear deceased husband, passed by the illustrious assembly over which you preside, and of which he at the moment of his death was a member, have been duly communicated to me.

Penetrated with grief at this distressing event of my life, mourning the loss of one who has been at once my example and my support through the trials of half a century, permit me nevertheless to express, through you, my deepest gratitude for the signal manner in which the public regard has been voluntarily manifested by your honorable body, and the consolation derived to me and mine from the reflection that the unwearied efforts of an old public servant have not, even in this world, proved without their reward in the generous appreciation of them by his country.

With great respect, I remain, sir, your obedient servant,

LOUISA CATHARINE ADAMS.

To the Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP,
*Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States.*

*Ordered*, That the said communication be laid upon the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 231) entitled "An act granting the franking privilege to Louisa Catharine Adams."

And then he withdrew.

And then, on motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hunt reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 135) further to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1848, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Pollock moved that the vote by which the House on Tuesday last committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union the resolution reported by Mr. Cocke, (declaring it inexpedient to extend the pension system to such widows of the officers and soldiers of the revolution as were married subsequent to the first day of January, 1794,) with the majority and minority reports in relation thereto, be reconsidered: which motion was postponed for the present, by general consent.

The following memorials, petitions, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Gaines: The petition of D. Drake Henrie, praying indemnity for property lost, and for services rendered, in the service of the United States in the war with Mexico, by conveying intelligence to the American army of the advance of Santa Anna upon Saltillo.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The petition of Benjamin Reynolds—heretofore presented December 29, 1835;

Also, the petition of Joshua Hilyard—heretofore presented December 29, 1835.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of Lewis D. Offield, of Polk county, in the State of Missouri, praying remuneration for the expenses which he incurred in preparing his two sons to enter the service of the United States.

By Mr. Root: The petition of William Wickham—heretofore presented January 8, 1847.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Roman: The petition of the legal representatives of Henry Hoffman—heretofore presented February 25, 1846.

By Mr. Schenck: The petition of John Gregg, sole heir of the late Lieutenant John Gregg, deceased, praying payment of the commutation money due the said deceased for revolutionary service.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Lincoln: The memorial of citizens of Cass county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Virginia, in Cass county, to Petersburg, in Menard county.

By Mr. Boydon: The petition of citizens of Davis county, in the State of North Carolina, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Lexington to Statesville, and discontinue route number 2,884.

By Mr. William Thompson: The petition of citizens of Lancaster, in the State of Iowa, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Lancaster to Iowa City, in said State.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The petition of citizens of Madison county, in the State of Illinois, praying for a reduction of postage on juvenile publications of small size.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Fries: Two petitions of citizens of Columbiana county, in the State of Ohio, praying that the war with Mexico may be prosecuted with vigor, until our army shall have taken possession of the whole of that country; and that Congress place at the disposal of the President ample means to accomplish the same: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Marvin: The petition of citizens of Ontario county, in the State of New York, remonstrating against a further renewal and extension of a patent to the heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased, for a cast iron plough;

Also, seven petitions of like import with the foregoing, from citizens of Chatauque county, in the State of New York;

Also, two petitions of like import with the foregoing, from citizens of Cattaraugus county, in the State of New York;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Livingston county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Hunt: A petition of like import with the foregoing, from citizens of Caledonia, in the State of New York.

By Mr. White: Two memorials of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Saratoga county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Gott: A petition of similar import with the forgoing, from citizens of Onondaga county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: A memorial of like import with the foregoing, from citizens of Monroe county, in the State of New York.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

By Mr. Hudson: A petition of citizens, praying that peace may be restored with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of certain clerks in the custom-house, in the city of New York, praying compensation for extra services.

By Mr. Isaac E. Holmes: The petition of A. H. Abraham and others, praying for the privilege to change the name of the French brig Roger Bontemps to that of Palmetto.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of M. Fosdick, of Erie county, in the State of New York, praying for a modification of the naturalization laws.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of citizens of the western part of the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of two judicial districts in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Boyd: The petition of Elizabeth Thorp, of Ballard county, in the State of Kentucky, widow of Charles Thorp, deceased, praying for a pension, on account of the services of her late husband in the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of Sarah Sampson, widow of Peleg Sampson, late a revolutionary soldier, deceased, praying for a pension.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Edwards: The petition of James Coe—heretofore presented February 20, 1846.

By Mr. Chase: The petition of John Holland, of Burton county, in the State of Tennessee, praying for a pension, on account of wounds and disabilities incurred in the service of the United States.

By Mr. Smart: The petition of Edward Cole, of Frankfort, in the State of Maine, praying for an increase of his pension.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of Hubert H. Booly, praying for a pension, on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the Florida war.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of Samuel Colt—heretofore presented December 13, 1844;

Also, the petition of Samuel Colt—heretofore presented April 16, 1844.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The memorial of citizens of the territory of Minnesota, praying for a law organizing that country into a territorial government, and remonstrating against its being included within the limits of the Territory of Wisconsin;

Also, the petition of citizens of Northampton, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the public lands be laid out into farms and lots for the free use of such citizens (not possessed of other lands) as will occupy them.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Territories.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at twenty minutes before 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Marsh it was

*Ordered*, That a member be appointed upon the Committee on the Library of Congress, on the part of the House, to supply the vacancy thereon occasioned by the death of John Quincy Adams.

And thereupon Mr. Palfrey was appointed by the Speaker upon the said committee.

Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Printing, to which was referred the resolution of the House "to print five thousand copies extra of the report from the Committee on Naval Affairs upon the

granting to the Florida, Alabama, and Georgia Railroad Company alternate sections of land along the route of their proposed road," recommend that the said extra copies of the report be printed; and they were accordingly ordered by the House to be printed.

Mr. Crozier, from the Committee on Expenditures in the War Department, reported the following resolution; which was read and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing inquire into the propriety and expediency of printing ten thousand extra copies of the abstract of contracts reported from the War Department, and presented to the House on the 26th of January last.

Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Printing, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That there be printed the usual number of the report and maps of Lieutenant Emory, containing the report of Captain Cook, the report and maps of Lieutenant Colonel Abert, and the journal of Captain Johnson, as the same were transmitted to the House by the Secretary of War on the 9th day of February, 1848.

Mr. Murphy, from the Committee on Engraving, to which was referred the question of engraving and publishing the maps and drawings accompanying the report of Lieutenant Colonel Abert, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That one copy of the said map and drawings be engraved, and attached to each printed copy ordered by the House.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, from the select committee on the rules and orders of the House, made a further report thereon: which was read, and the House by general consent proceeded to the consideration of the same, when the first of the said amendments was read as follows:

In the 4th rule of the House strike out all of the same after the word "*affirmative*," in the 10th line, to the word "*negative*," in the 12th line of the same rule, inclusive, and insert before the word "*negative*," in the said 12th line, the word "*and.*"

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

It was decided in the affirmative.

The second of the said amendments was read as follows:

In the 30th rule of the House insert, between the word "*over*" and the word "*and*," in the 2d line of the same, the following: "*the chairman of the Committee of the Whole House, commencing the call where he left off the previous day.*"

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

The third of the said amendments was read as follows:

At the end of the 56th rule add the following: "*and shall not be withdrawn after the said succeeding day without the consent of the House; and thereafter any member may call it up for consideration.*"

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

The fourth and last of the said amendments was then read as follows:

In the 114th rule, between the word "*motion*" and the word "*and*," in the 3d line, insert the following: "*in the House, or by filing a memorandum thereof with the Clerk, and having it entered on the Journal.*"

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

And the said rules, as amended, are as follows:

RULE 4. Questions shall be distinctly put in this form, to wit: "As many as are of opinion that (as the question may be) say *Aye;*" and after the affirmative voice is expressed, "As many as are of the contrary opinion say *No.*" If the Speaker doubt, or a division be called for, the House shall divide: those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative. If the Speaker still doubt, or a count be required, the Speaker shall name two members, one from each side, to tell the members in the affirmative and negative; which being also reported, he shall rise and state the decision to the House.—*April* 7, 1789. No division and count of the House by tellers shall be in order, but upon motion seconded by at least one-fifth of a quorum of the members.—*September* 15, 1837.

RULE 30. On the first and fourth Friday of each month, the calendar of private bills shall be called over, (the chairman of the Committee of the Whole House commencing the call where he left off the previous day,) and the bills to the passage of which no objection shall then be made shall be first considered and disposed of.

RULE 56. When a motion has been once made, and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof on the same or the succeeding day; and such motion shall take precedence of all other questions, (except a motion to adjourn,) and shall not be withdrawn after the said succeeding day without the consent of the House; and thereafter any member may call it up for consideration.

RULE 114. Every bill shall be introduced on the report of a committee, or by motion for leave. In the latter case, at least one day's notice shall be given of the motion in the House, or by filing a memorandum thereof with the Clerk, and having it entered on the Journal; and the motion shall be made, and the bill introduced, if leave is given, when resolutions are called for; such motion, or the bill when introduced, may be committed.

Mr. Meade, by leave, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which the subject was referred by resolution of the House of the 31st of January last, reported a bill (No. 290) changing the time for holding the district courts of the United States in the western district of Virginia, and for other purposes: which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill from the Senate

(No. 39) entitled "An act to provide additional examiners in the Patent Office, and for other purposes."

The question being on ordering the said bill to a third reading,

Mr. McClelland moved to amend the same by striking out the words "*twenty-five hundred*," in the 17th and 18th lines of the first section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "*two thousand*:" which amendment was agreed to, under the previous question, moved thereon by Mr. Henley.

The said amendments were then ordered to be engrossed, and the bill was ordered to be read a third time.

And, the amendments being engrossed, the bill was read the third time accordingly, and passed, under the previous question, moved thereon by Mr. McClelland.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendments.

Mr. Vinton offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That, unless sooner brought to a conclusion, debate on House bill No. 135 shall cease in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union to-morrow, at 2 o'clock, p. m., and the said committee shall report said bill to the House, after having voted on such amendments as may be offered thereto.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Rhett: The memorial of John Lowe, of Washington city, in the District of Columbia, praying that Congress authorize him to construct a copy of his astronomical chart for the United States government: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. Julius Rockwell: The petition of Priscilla Maxwell, of Charlemont, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for relief on account of the services of her late father, Colonel Hugh Maxwell, during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Gaines: The petition of Linchfield Sharpe, praying for a pension on account of his services and wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the service of the United States.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The memorial of Robert Whitlet, praying for arrearage of pension on account of disabilities and loss of health, incurred by hardship and exposures in the service of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of the Union Bank of the State of Florida, praying to be refunded money advanced by said bank to the Territory of Florida, for its defence against Indian hostilities.

By Mr. Morehead: The petition of J. H. McKee, of Lexington, Kentucky, praying compensation for a horse lost in the battle of Buena Vista by her late husband, Colonel William R. McKee.

By Mr. Iverson: The petition of Abraham, Prim, Stafford, Seymour, & Co., and others—heretofore presented December 30, 1845.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Winthrop: The memorial of F. H. Smith, praying that the House of Representatives adopt a machine of his invention for taking the yeas and nays: which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Root: The petition of citizens of Huron county, in the State of Ohio, praying that in the event of acquiring territory from Mexico that it may be arranged to colonize upon it the people of color in the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, the petition of citizens of Newark, in the State of Ohio, praying for the construction of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific, on the plan of Asa Whitney, esq.: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Robert W. Johnson: Five memorials of citizens of Lafayette and other counties, in the State of Arkansas, praying for the removal of the raft in Red river.

By Mr. Faran: The petition of citizens of Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, praying for the passage of a law to secure the lives and property of persons embarked and hazarded on board of steamboats.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Wentworth: The memorial of citizens of Will and Iroquois counties, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Joliet, in said State, to Lafayette, in the State of Indiana;

Also, the petition of citizens of Lafayette Grove, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from La Salle to Rockford, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. White: The memorial of citizens of Saratoga county, in the State of New York, remonstrating against renewing to the heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased, the patent of Wood's cast iron plough.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: A petition of like import with the foregoing from citizens of Erie county, in the State of New York.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in compliance with the provisions of the 3d section of the act to carry into effect the treaties concluded by the Chickasaw tribe of Indians on the 20th October, 1832, and the 24th May, 1834, a statement of the respective funds on account of said tribe for the year 1847: which letter and report were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report, made in pursuance of an act of the 1st May, 1820, showing the balances of appropriations, under the direction of that department, re-

maining in the treasury on the 1st of July, 1846, the appropriations made for the fiscal year, 1846–'47, with other information upon the same subject: which letter and report were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

III. A letter from the acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the names and compensation of the clerks and other persons employed in that department during the past year: which letter and report were referred to the Committee on the Expenditures of the Department of the Treasury, and ordered to be printed.

IV. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of January 13, 1846, a statement showing the names and compensation of clerks and other persons employed in that department during the last year, together with their places of residence at the time of appointment: which letter and statement were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

V. A letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting specific estimates of the sums of money expected to be required for the service of the department during the next fiscal year, prepared in obedience to the 2d section of the act of July 2, 1836: which letter and estimates were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

VI. A letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a report of the disbursing agent of that department, exhibiting a detailed statement of his receipts and payments during the calendar year 1847, and the balance on hand: which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

The Speaker also presented to the House a letter from Alexandre Vattemare, a citizen of France, enclosing his memorial, praying the aid of Congress in perfecting his "plan of international literary and scientific exchanges:" which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Library.

The Speaker also presented to the House a communication from F. H. Smith, relative to his "plan of taking the yeas and nays in the House of Representatives."

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll moved that the said communication be referred to a select committee.

Mr. John W. Houston moved that it be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds: which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hunt reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 135) further to supply deficiencies in the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th June, 1848, had come to no resolution thereon.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have concurred in the amendments of the House to the bill (No. 89) entitled "An act making attachments

which are made under process issuing from the courts of the United States conform to the laws regulating such attachments in the courts of the States," and to the resolution of the Senate (No. 9) for the relief of Betsey McIntosh.

And then he withdrew.

Under the 114th rule of the House, notices of motions for leave to introduce bills were handed to the Clerk, as follows:

By Mr. Gayle, of "a bill to establish the rates of postage on steamboats and other craft not in the employ of the United States."

By Mr. Albert G. Brown, of "a bill supplemental to an act to confirm the survey and location of claims to lands in the State of Mississippi, east of Pearl river and south of the 31st degree of north latitude," approved March 3, 1845.

By Mr. Hill, of "a bill to increase the pay of soldiers engaged in the war with Mexico."

By Mr. Robert W. Johnson, of "a bill increasing the force and adding additional clerks in the executive offices."

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined bills of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 12. An act authorizing persons to whom reservations of land have been made under certain Indian treaties to alienate the same in fee;

H. R. No. 231. An act granting the franking privilege to Louisa Catharine Adams;

H. R. No. 182. An act to amend an act entitled "An act in amendment of the acts respecting the judicial system of the United States;" and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

And then, on motion of Mr. Alexander Evans, the House, at twenty minutes before 5 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Schenck, it was ordered that he be excused from serving upon the committee appointed on Monday last to escort the remains of the late John Quincy Adams to their place of interment, in the State of Massachusetts;

And, thereupon,

Mr. Thomas O. Edwards was appointed in his place.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the vote by which the House yesterday adopted a resolution to close debate on the bill (No. 135) further to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1848, at two o'clock this day, be reconsidered: which motion was agreed to; and

The question recurred on agreeing to the said resolution: when

Mr. Rockwell moved to amend the said resolution, by inserting the words "*half-past*" before the words "*two o'clock:*" which amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. George W. Jones moved to amend the resolution, by striking

out the word "*two*" and inserting "*one*," in lieu thereof: which amendment was not agreed to.

And the question was then put, Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And decided in the affirmative.

Bills of the Senate of the following titles:

No. 74. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Jacques Moulon;

No. 76. An act for the relief of Fernando Fellany;

No. 77. An act for the relief of Peter Engels, senior;

No. 22. An act for the relief of Mary McRea, widow of Lieutenant Colonel William McRea, late of the United States army, deceased;

No. 82. An act for the relief of John Black, late consul of the United States at the city of Mexico;

No. 119. An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of fraud on the revenues of the Post Office Department,"' passed the 3d of March, 1845;

were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 74. To the Committee on Private Land Claims.

No. 76. To the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

No. 77. To the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

No. 22. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

No. 82. To the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

No. 119. To the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The bill from the Senate (No. 143) entitled "An act concerning the courts of the United States in and for the district of Michigan," was read a first and second time, and, by unanimous consent, ordered to be read a third time to-day.

And, thereupon,

The said bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ashmun reported the following bills of the Senate:

No. 23. An act for the relief of the administratrix of Elisha L. Keen, deceased;

No. 24. An act providing for the payment of the claim of Walter R. Johnson against the United States,

severally without amemendment; and the bill

H. R. No. 7. A bill directing the mode of settling the claims of Charles G. Ridgely, with an amendment.

And bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 28. A bill for the relief of Calvin Emmons;

H. R. No. 31. A bill for the relief of E. E. Smith;

H. R. No. 34. A bill for the relief of Bent, St. Vrain, and Company;

H. R. No. 35. A bill for the relief of J. Throckmorton;

H. R. No. 40. A bill for the relief of Wiliam Hogan, administrator of Michael Hogan, deceased;

H. R. No. 45. A bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Regnald, alias Nick Hilliary;

H. R. No. 46. A bill for the relief of James McAvoy;

H. R. No. 52. A bill for the relief of Charles Benns;

H. R. No. 54. A bill for the relief of William Ralston;

H. R. No. 61. A bill for the relief of Nancy Tompkins.

H. R. No. 70. A bill for the relief of John Mitchell;

H. R. No. 76. A bill for the relief of David Thomas, of Philadelphia;

H. R. No. 77. A bill for the relief of Stephen Champlin;

H. R. No. 94. A bill for the relief of Bennet M. Dell;

H. R. No. 99. A bill for the relief of John Manley;

H. R. No. 100. A bill for the relief of Sarah Stockes, widow of John Stockes;

H. R. No. 101. A bill for the relief of Esther Russell;

H. R. No. 106. A bill for the relief of the Red River Railroad Company;

H. R. No. 109. A bill for the relief of Stalker and Hill;

H. R. No. 110. A bill for the relief of Reuben Perry and Thomas P. Ligon;

H. R. No. 116. A bill for the benefit of Benjamin White;

H. R. No. 119. A bill for the relief of Anthony Bessee;

H. R. No. 121. A bill for the relief of G. F. de la Roche and William P. S. Sanger;

H. R. No. 122. A bill for the relief of Jonathan Moore, of the State of Massachusetts;

H. R. No. 123. A bill for the relief of Robert Ellis;

H. R. No. 124. A bill for the relief of Catharine Fulton, of Washington county, Pennsylvania;

J. R. No. 7. A joint resolution for the relief of George R. Smith; severally without amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bills: when

The said bills from the Senate (Nos. 23 and 24) were severally ordered to be read a third time.

And they were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill (No. 7) directing the mode of settling the claims of Charles G. Ridgely, was agreed to; and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

All of the said bills and joint resolution, reported from the Committee of the Whole House without amendment, were ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bills, being engrossed, were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the consideration of the bill (No. 97) for the relief of certain forward warrant officers of the navy, and that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The petition of the heirs of Nathan Beeman, deceased—heretofore presented December 27, 1843: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Thomas: The memorial of citizens of Wayne county, in the State of Tennessee, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Waynesboro', in said State, to Florence, in the State of Alabama.

By Mr. Rockhill: The memorial of citizens of Steuben county, in the State of Indiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Lagrange, in said State, to West Unity, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. McLane: The petition of citizens of the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying that reduced and uniform rates of postage may be established.

*Ordered*, That said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Alexander Evans: The memorial of Sarah A. Wirt, widow of John T. Wirt, deceased, praying compensation for two horses taken from her late husband by General Wilkinson, during the late war with Great Britain, for the service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. McLane: The memorial of Mary Blakeney, of the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying for a pension, on account of the services of her late husband, Abel Blakeney, deceased, during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of citizens of Ozark county, in the State of Missouri, praying for a donation of land for the county seat of said county: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Harmanson: Resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, in relation to the claims for French spoliations prior to 1800: which were referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

By Mr. McLane: The memorial of officers of the United States navy, praying for an equalization of pay to the grade of passed midshipmen: which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications:

I. A letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting, in compliance with the act of 2d of March, 1819, regulating passenger ships and vessels, tabular statements showing the number and designation

of passengers who arrived in each collection district of the United States during the year ending the 30th of September, 1847. which letter and report were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Commissioner of Patents, transmitting his annual report of the operations of the Patent Office for the year 1847.

Mr. Henley moved that the said report be referred to the Committee on Patents: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that an extra number of said report be printed.

Mr. Meade moved that the said vote referring it to the Committee on Patents be reconsidered: which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that his motion for extra numbers be referred to the Committee on Printing; which motion was decided in the affirmative.

Under the 114th rule of the House, Mr. Cobb, of Alabama, handed to the Clerk of the House a notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to increase the pay of the regular and volunteer soldiers in the American army.

Mr. Bingham, by leave, presented a resolution of the Legislature of the State of Michigan: relative to the establishing a mail route from Detroit to Michigan: which was referred to the Committee no the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

And then, on motion of Mr. Haralson, the House, at twenty-two minutes before 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Cabell, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hunt reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 135) "further to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-eight," had come to no resolution thereon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill (No. 159) entitled "An act to remit the duties on books, maps, and charts, imported for the use of the library of Congress," in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Under the 114th rule of the House, notices of motions for leave to introduce bills were handed to the Clerk, as follows:

By Mr. Sawyer: "A bill to provide for the bringing home to the United States the remains of our soldiers who have died or been killed in battle in Mexico, during the present war with Mexico."

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: "A bill extending the pension laws to

widows of officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war married subsequent to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-four."

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Alexander Stewart: The memorial of Thomas F. Gordon, praying Congress to make an appropriation to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to fulfil a contract with the said Gordon, for preparing a digest of the laws of the United States: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Freedley: The petition of Robert Graham, praying that he may be confirmed in the enjoyment, possession, and ownership of that part of a certain tract of land lying in the State of Illinois as may be yet unsold; and that he may be paid, from the United States Treasury, the proceeds of what may have been disposed of, with interest thereon.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The petition of J. S. Brewster and others, of the Philadelphia bar, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the repeal of the proviso contained in the first section of the act of the 3d of March, 1847, relating to costs in admiralty.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of Robert Gamble—heretofore presented December 28, 1843: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. James Thompson: The petition of the Baptist convention of the State of Mississippi, praying for the erection of a second Indian territory, for the exclusive occupation and enjoyment of the several Indian tribes: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Robert W. Johnson: The memorial of William Field, praying for the passage of a law providing payment to the clerks of the United States district courts for making statements in cases of bankruptcy, in conformity with a resolution of the House of Representatives: which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of Sarah White, of Belmont county, in the State of Ohio, widow of Thomas White, deceased, praying to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of July 7, 1838, granting half-pay and pensions to certain widows: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Jacob Thompson: The petition of citizens of Tishomingo county, in the State of Mississippi, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Eastport to Fulton, in said State.

By Mr. Dickinson: Two petitions of citizens of Seneca county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Tiffin to Risdon.

By Mr. Sawyer: The petition of citizens of Williams county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from West Unity, in the State of Ohio, to Anglo, in the State of Michigan.

By Mr. Kaufman: The petition of citizens of Jefferson, in the

State of Texas, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Jefferson, in said State, to Fulton, in the State of Arkansas.

By Mr. Rockhill: The petition of citizens of Muncie, in the State of Indiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Muncie to the county seat of Tipton county, in said State.

By Mr. Ficklin: The memorial of citizens of Clark county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from York, in Clark county, to Charleston, in Coles county.

By Mr. Newall: The petition of citizens of Monmouth county, in the State of New Jersey, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Keyport to Holmdel.

By Mr. Tweedy: The memorial of citizens of Rock and Walworth counties, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Milwaukie to Beloit, in said Territory;

Also, the memorial of citizens of Waupon, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Waupon, via Ceresco, to Dartford, in Marquette county;

Also, two memorials of citizens of Walworth county, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Darien to Whitewater, in said county;

Also, the memorial of the supervisors of Walworth county, in the Territory of Wisconsin, of like import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Jacob Thompson: The memorial of Woodson Wren, of Natchez, in the State of Mississippi, praying for a modification of the post office laws increasing the compensation of postmasters.

By Mr. Gott: Two memorials of citizens of Onondaga county, in the State of New York, praying for a modification of the post office laws reducing the postage on pamphlets, magazines, and newspapers.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Hunt: The memorial of James S. Abeel, of Rome, in the State of New York, praying for an increase of compensation to military storekeepers: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. White: The memorial of John J. Young, a commander in the navy of the United States—heretofore presented December 18, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Slingerland: The memorial of citizens of the city of Albany, in the State of New York, remonstrating against the renewal to the heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased, a patent for "Wood's cast iron plough."

By Mr. Gott: A petition of like import with the foregoing from citizens of Onondaga county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Wilson: A petition of citizens of Troy, in the State of New Hampshire, of like import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Robinson: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Lowell, in the State of Indiana.

By Mr. Ashmun: A petition of like import with the foregoing from citizens of Hampden county, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: A petition of like import with the foregoing from citizens of Monroe county, in the State of New York.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing memorials and petitions be referred Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Nathan Evans: The petition of Joseph J. Watson, of the State of Ohio, praying for arrearage and increase of pension.

By Mr. Pollock: The petition of Joseph Brown—heretofore presented December 26, 1843.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Ashmun: The memorial of citizens of Billerica, in the State of Massachusetts, praying Congress to use all of its constitutional powers to bring the present war with Mexico to an immediate close: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of Myron E. Morse and other citizens of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying that the pre-emption law of 1841 be so amended as to extend the time of payment and proof to four years, and to extend the benefits of the act to all persons who shall have filed a declaration of intention to become citizens of the United States;

Also, the petition of citizens of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the reduction of the minimum price to certain lands, and make provision for the return of the excess of purchase money over one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre to the purchaser;

Also, the petition of citizens of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying that the even numbered sections of the canal lands in the Territory of Wisconsin may be sold at the same minimum price and subject to the same rights of pre-emption as other public lands.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

And then, on motion of Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, the House, at two minutes past 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until Monday, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## MONDAY, March 6, 1848.

The Speaker laid before the House returns of the special election held in the sixth congressional district of the State of Pennsylvania, on the 23d ultimo, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of John W. Hornbeck, late a member of the House of Representatives of the United States from said district: which returns were laid upon the table.

Mr. Samuel A. Bridges, a member from the State of Pennsylvania, elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of John W. Hornbeck, appeared, was sworn to support the constitution of the United States, and took a seat in the House.

The Speaker presented a memorial and resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Florida, relative to a mail route from Chattahoochie to Pensacola: which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Also, a resolution from the same Legislature relative to the

widows and orphans of those who have died in defence of their country in Mexico: which were referred to the select committee appointed on the 11th ultimo on so much of the President's annual message as recommends that provision be made for the families of those who have died in the service of the United States in Mexico.

Also, resolutions of the same Legislature, in relation to pre-emption rights in said State: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hunt moved that the rules of the House be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolutions from the Committee on Commerce, viz:

*Resolved*, That House bills Nos. 168, 169, 170, and 176, making appropriations for the improvement of certain rivers and harbors, be made the special order of the day for Tuesday, the 21st day of March instant, and until the same shall be finally disposed of by the House;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 82 / Nays..... 64

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
James B. Bowlin
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John P. Gaines
Joshua R. Giddings
Mr. Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland
George P. Marsh
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
Mr. William Nelson
David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Samuel A. Bridges
Mr. Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Rudolphus Dickinson
Winfield S. Featherston
Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Frederick W. Lord
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Mr. John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Sawyer
Mr. Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the rules were not suspended.

On motion of Mr. McClelland,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Charles E. Stuart be excused from serving on the committee, appointed on the 28th ultimo, to escort the remains of the late John Quincy Adams from Washington city to Quincy, in the State of Massachusetts; and, thereupon,

Mr. Kingsley S. Bingham was appointed in his stead.

Mr. Botts presented a letter from the Secretary of War, enclosing a muster-roll of an Indian volunteer company received into the service of the United States by Colonel W. S. Harney: which letter and muster-roll were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Under the 114th rule of the House, notices of motions for leave to introduce bills were handed to the Clerk, as follows, viz:

By Mr. Inge, of a bill for the relief of John B. Smith and Simeon Darden.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence, of a bill providing for the completion of the breakwater at Plattsburg, New York.

On motion of Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, the rules were suspended, and the House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 260½) supplemental to the act entitled "An act concerning the Supreme Court of the United States," approved June 17, 1844.

Mr. George S. Houston moved that the bill be laid upon the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas,..... 67 / Nays,..... 88

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Charles Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John H. Crozier
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Mr. Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Willard P. Hall
Moses Hampton
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
Mr. Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
David Outlaw

Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
Mr. John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Mr. Ephraim K. Smart
James H. Thomas
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
Jasper E. Brady
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
Mr. James J. Faran
David Fisher
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
John H. Harmanson
William Henry
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John W. Jones
Daniel P. King
Lewis C. Levin
Frederick W. Lord
Robert M. McLane
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Henry C. Murphy
Mr. William Nelson
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
William Strong
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Mr. Bowlin moved to amend the bill, by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

"That the jurisdiction and powers now vested in or lawfully exercised by the circuit courts of the United States in the several districts established by law, in all cases, civil or criminal, at law or in equity, shall be, and the same are hereby, vested in the district courts of each respective district, except in the southern district of the State of New York; and the jurisdiction, authority, and powers now vested in the justices of the Supreme Court in the several districts within his circuit, be, and the same are hereby, vested in the district judge of each district.

"SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, in addition to the terms now prescribed by law for the several district courts, each district judge shall hold a court at the time and place or places heretofore appointed for the sessions of the circuit courts in each district; and all process and proceedings at law shall be made returnable and be returned to said district courts at the said terms, and be proceeded in and disposed of according to the usages and principles of law.

"SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all writs now pending in the circuit courts for any district, except the southern district of the State of New York, shall be, and the same are hereby, transfer-

red to the district court for such district; and all process which may have issued returnable to the circuit court shall be returned to the district court; the said suits, process, or pleadings, to be proceeded in, heard, and determined in the district court, in as full and ample a manner as could have been done in the circuit court. And all moneys heretofore paid into any circuit court, and now remaining subject to the order of such court, shall be, and the same are hereby, transferred to the district court for such district, and to be subject to the order and direction of the said district court.

"SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all papers, books, and records of every kind, now in the custody and care of the several clerks of the circuit courts, except in the southern district of the State of New York, shall be transferred to the clerk of the district court of the same district, and kept by him; and shall be deemed and taken to be the papers, books, and records of the district court.

"SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That no grand jury shall be summoned to attend any district court, except upon application, in writing, by the district attorney of said district to the district judge, setting forth briefly his reasons for the same; and if satisfactory to said district judge, and that a grand jury is necessary for the due execution of the laws, he shall thereupon order a grand jury to be summoned, and the clerk to issue a venire facias, directed to the marshal of the district, who shall proceed and summon said grand jury according to the command of said writ: *Provided*, That the district judge may, at discretion, order a grand jury to be summoned to any district court when in his judgment the public business requires their attendance.

"SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That a circuit judge shall be appointed in and for the southern district of the State of New York, who shall hold his office by the same tenure, and be entitled to the same compensation, as the district judge of the said district.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the jurisdiction and powers now vested in or lawfully exercised by the circuit court of the United States in said district, as established by law, in all cases, civil or criminal, at law or in equity, shall be, and the same are hereby, vested exclusively in the said circuit judge, except in cases of appeal and of writs of error from the district court of said district, which are hereby abolished. And the said circuit judge shall hold the several terms of the said circuit court now, or which may hereafter be, appointed by law in said district; and shall possess and exercise all the powers now possessed or exercised by the justice of the Supreme Court of the United States as circuit judge of said district, except in cases of appeals and of writs of error from said district court as aforesaid.

"SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be held in each of the nine judicial circuits of the United States, once in each year, a court of appeals, in which the justice of the Supreme Court of the United States assigned to said circuit where the court is held shall preside, and in which court he shall be assisted by the several district judges of the said circuit, and in the second circuit, with the addition of the circuit judge of the southern district of the State of New York;

and the said presiding judge and assistant judges shall possess equal powers, in hearing and determining causes brought into and depending in said court of appeals; and a majority of the judges composing said court shall constitute a quorum to hear and determine said causes. But it shall be the duty of all the judges to attend each term of the court, and to finish the business upon the calendar as far as practicable. Any one judge may adjourn the court from day to day, for want of a quorum; and if no one judge is present at the commencement of the term, the clerk of said court shall adjourn the same from day to day for six successive days; and if no judge is then present, the court shall stand adjourned till the next term of said court; and all process, suits, recognizances, and other legal proceedings, shall remain and be continued the same as if the court had been regularly adjourned according to law. But the presiding judge, and any two of his associates, may appoint a special term for the transaction of business, giving reasonable notice of the time and place of the meeting of the said court.

"SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That said court shall have the jurisdiction of a court for the correction of errors and of appeals, as it respects cases in the several district courts within the said circuit, and cases in the circuit court of the southern district of the State of New York in the second circuit, with power to hear and determine all causes brought there from said district courts and said circuit court, by writ of error, or on appeal from any final judgment or decree in any civil cause at law or in equity, where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of five hundred dollars, besides costs; and the like powers to hear and determine all appeals from said district courts in cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction finally determined in said district courts, where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of three hundred dollars, besides costs. And in prosecuting said writs of error and appeals, said court of appeals shall be governed by the same rules that now govern the Supreme Court of the United States, both as prescribed by the laws of the United States and by the rules of the court, so far as the same can be made applicable to the said court of appeals, and are not inconsistent with this act; and said court of appeals shall have and use all writs and modes of process and proceedings, for the exercise of the jurisdiction hereby conferred, that the Supreme Court of the United States now have and use in exercising similar jurisdiction in cases brought up from the circuit courts to said Supreme Court; and furthermore, said courts of appeal shall have power to issue writs of mandamus and certiorari, and all other writs not specially provided by statute, which may be necessary for the exercise of their jurisdiction, and agreeably to the principles and usages of law.

"SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That from the final judgments and decrees of said court of appeals, writs of error and appeals may be brought to the Supreme Court of the United States in all civil cases where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of three thousand dollars, besides costs; and the said Supreme Court shall have all the powers and jurisdiction over the judgments,

decrees, and proceedings of said court of appeals, as it now possesses over the judgments, decrees, and proceedings in the several circuit courts of the United States, and shall be governed by the same rules and practice, and shall use the same process, and adopt the same proceeding, as is now used and adopted in cases of writs of error and appeals from the said several circuit courts; and the said Supreme Court may frame new and additional rules from time to time, for the government of the proceedings in the court of appeals, and the better regulation of writs of error and appeals to the Supreme Court therefrom: *Provided*, Said courts of appeal may respectively, from time to time, adopt rules for the government of their own proceedings in cases before them, and also for bringing up writs of error and appeals from said district courts and circuit court of the southern district of New York, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or the rules of the Supreme Court.

"SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That in all criminal cases now pending, or which may hereafter be depending, in the district courts or in the circuit court of the southern district of the State of New York, the said district judges and circuit judge, after trial and conviction, may suspend sentence, if in their judgment any difficult question of law has arisen in the course of the trial, and certify the same to the court of appeals; which said court shall hear and determine the same at their next term, and shall certify their decision to the said district or circuit court, to which decision the said court shall be bound to conform. But the court of appeals shall not be authorized to entertain questions of law certified to them in any civil suit or proceeding; nor shall the Supreme Court of the United States entertain any question certified, in like cases, to them by the court of appeals, nor any case on a writ of error or appeal from a judgment or decree entered by said court pro forma, for the purpose of bringing up the same for review.

"SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That all writs of error or appeals heretofore prosecuted from the district courts and now pending in any of the circuit courts, and the proceedings thereon, shall be, and the same are hereby, transferred to the court of appeals of said circuit of which said district court is part, and the same as it respects the circuit court of the southern district of the State of New York, there to be heard and determined in the same manner, and subject to the same rules and regulations, as if said writs of error or appeals had been originally brought in said court; and judgments and decrees heretofore rendered by any district court, from which a writ of error or appeal would now lie to the circuit court, may be brought to the said court of appeals within two years from the passing of this act, and not afterwards, unless the party prosecuting the same was, at the time of rendering the said judgment or decree, and still is, a femme covert, infant under the age of twenty-one years, non compos mentis, or imprisoned; in which cases such writs of error or appeals may be prosecuted at any time within two years after the disability is removed; and likewise, in all cases of final judgments or decrees hereafter rendered by the district courts or the circuit court of the southern district of the State

of New York, writs of error and appeals shall be brought within two years from the time of their rendition, with the exceptions aforesaid in favor of femmes covert, infants, non compos mentes, and persons imprisoned; and if not brought within two years, such writs of error and appeals shall be barred; and further, that writs of error and appeals upon judgments and decrees heretofore rendered in the circuit courts, and which have been transferred to the district courts, may be brought to the Supreme Court, the same as if they had remained in the circuit court.

"SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the said courts of appeal respectively to appoint their own clerks, who shall give bond for their faithful performance of their duties, in the same manner and to the same amount that the clerks of the circuit courts now do; and said clerks shall take an oath or affirmation in like manner, changing the title of the court, and shall be governed in the performance of their duties by all laws applicable to the clerks of the circuits. All writs and process issued by authority of the courts of appeal shall bear teste in the name of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and be governed by the laws and regulations now in force as to substance and form, except the title of the court, that apply to writs and process issuing from the circuit courts; but final process shall issue from the district courts and circuit court for the southern district of the State of New York on judgments and decrees rendered by said courts of appeal, in the same manner as such process now issues from the circuit courts to execute the judgments and decrees of the Supreme Court; and to which end mandates shall issue from said courts of appeal to the district courts and circuit court of the southern district of New York, in like manner as is now done by the Supreme Court to the circuit courts; and said courts of appeal shall have power to cause the marshal, or his assistants, within the circuit where said court is held, to execute any process that may be legally awarded by said court.

"SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That, in case the Supreme Court should reverse or affirm any judgment or decree of the said court of appeals, or make any order touching the proceedings therein, or of any district court, or of the circuit court for the southern district of the State of New York, in the exercise of the powers and jurisdiction of the said Supreme Court, a mandate may be awarded, either to the said court of appeals or directly to the district or circuit court, as the case may be, at the election of the Supreme Court; and which mandate the said inferior court shall be bound to obey.

"SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the marshal of the district where the court of appeals is holden to attend the same, and to perform the same duties, and in like manner as is now done in respect to the circuit courts of the United States in said district, and shall employ the same subordinate officers when attending said court, and afford the same assistance, as has been heretofore usual in said circuit courts; and the marshal and his assistants shall receive the same fees and compensation for their

services as have been heretofore allowed for like services for attending said circuit courts; and each clerk of the court of appeals shall be allowed and receive the same fees and compensation for his services which are now by law allowed to the clerks of the circuit courts in the district where the court of appeals is held; and it shall be the duty of the justice of the Supreme Court presiding at said court of appeals, or, in his absence, the district judge next in commission present, to certify the accounts of said court each term, subject to the restrictions now imposed by law upon the judges and officers of the circuit courts in this respect; which laws shall be binding upon the court of appeals, the same as heretofore upon the judges and officers of the circuit courts; and it shall also be the duty of the district attorney of the United States in and for the district where the said court of appeals is holden, to attend the same, and prosecute and defend, and in all respects take charge of the interests of the United States therein, in like manner and to the same extent as he is now bound to do in the circuit courts, and shall receive for his services like compensation. It shall be the duty of the clerks of the district courts and of the circuit court of the southern district of the State of New York to sign, seal, and issue writs of error, for the purpose of bringing up causes to the courts of appeal, in the same manner as the clerks of the circuit courts now do for the purpose of bringing up causes to the Supreme Court; and the clerks of the court of appeals shall have like power and be subject to like duty. And the district judges and circuit judge of the southern district of the State of New York shall have power to award writs of error and grant citations, for the purpose of bringing up causes to said courts of appeal in their respective districts; and the justices of the Supreme Court shall possess like power to do the same.

"SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That the States of Louisiana, Florida, and Texas, and the judicial districts therein, shall hereafter compose the fifth circuit; and that the States of Alabama, Mississippi, and Arkansas, and the judicial districts therein, shall hereafter compose the ninth circuit; and the State of Iowa, and the judicial districts therein, shall be attached to the eighth judicial circuit; and the other judicial circuits of the United States shall be and remain as they are now constituted by law. There shall be held for the first circuit a court of appeals at the city of Boston, in the district of Massachusetts, on the day of in each year. There shall be held for the second circuit a court of appeals at the city of New York, in the southern district of New York, on the day of in each year. There shall be held a court of appeals for the third circuit at the city of Philadelphia, in the eastern district of Pennsylvania, on the day of in each year. There shall be held for the fourth circuit a court of appeals at the city of Baltimore, in the district of Maryland, on the day of in each year. There shall be held a court of appeals for the sixth circuit at the city of Charleston, in the district of South Carolina, on the day of in each year.

There shall be held for the fifth circuit, at the city of New Orleans, in the eastern district of Louisiana, a court of appeals, on the day of in each year. There shall be held for the ninth circuit, at the city of Jackson, in the southern district of Mississippi, a court of appeals, on the day of in each year. There shall be held for the eighth circuit a court of appeals at the city of St. Louis, in the district of Missouri, on the day of in each year. And there shall be held for the seventh circuit, at the city of Indianapolis, in the district of Indiana, a court of appeals, on the day of in each year. And for the additional duties hereby imposed on the district judges of the United States, they shall receive respectively as compensation the sum of ten cents per every mile, for going to and returning from said courts of appeals, calculating the same from the usual place of residence of each respective district judge; and they shall also receive after the rate of dollars for each day they may be necessarily engaged in holding said courts of appeals: *Provided*, That no judge shall be paid his mileage as aforesaid for attending court more than once in each year; nor shall he receive per diem compensation for any day's attendance, except when the court is actually engaged in the business of the term; but said court may adjourn over, from one time to another, between its regular terms; in which case the intermediate days between the adjourment and the next meeting shall not be compensated for, nor shall any allowance be made because of absence by reason of sickness, or for any other reason.

"SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted*, That when a dangerous disease shall prevail at the place of holding any court of appeals, at the time when a term commences, and a majority of the judges thereof deem it expedient to postpone the meeting of said court, they may give an order in writing to the clerk of the same, directing him to enter of record the said order, and to adjourn the court to such future time as the order may direct; and he shall also publish said order in one or more newspapers in each district of the circuit, unless directed to the contrary by the judges giving the order. And when it shall so happen that no marshal of the district where the court is held attends the same, by himself or his deputy, because there is a vacancy in the office of marshal, or for any other cause, then the court shall have power to appoint a special officer to do the duties of marshal in and for said court during term time, and until such time as a marshal may attend in court duly qualified according to the laws of the United States."

Mr. Jacob Thompson moved to amend the bill, by striking out the word "*two*," in the third line of the printed bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "*one*;"

And, after debate,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Clingman, and seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said amendment moved by Mr. Jacob Thompson?

And decided in the affirmative.

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the amendment moved by Mr. Bowlin?

And decided in the negative.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time;

And, being engrossed,

It was accordingly read the third time.

And the question being put, Shall it pass?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 89 / Nays ..... 60

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Thomas S. Bocock
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
Jasper E. Brady
Samuel A Bridges
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Dickey
James Dixon
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
Mr. John W. Farrelly
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John W. Jones
Daniel P. King
Lewis C. Levin
Robert M. McLane
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
John G. Palfrey
Mr. John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
William B. Preston
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John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
William Collins
John H. Crozier
Richard S. Donnell
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
George Fries
Daniel Gott
Moses Hampton
John H. Harmanson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Mr. Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
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William T. Lawrence
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Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
William W. Wick.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

The following memorials, petitions, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Jenkins: The memorial of Henry S. Bishop, of Ovid, in the State of New York, praying that no further extension be granted to the heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased, of a patent for improvements in cast iron ploughs;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing from J. S. Hitchcock, of Oneida Castle, in the State of New York;

Also, eight petitions of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Ontario and other counties, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Giddings: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Seneca county, in the State of New York;

A petition of citizens of Lake county, in the State of Ohio, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Hunt: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Orleans county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Putnam: Two petitions of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Genesee and Wyoming counties, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Collins: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of St. Lawrence county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Duer: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Madison county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Edsall: The memorial of Ross Winans, of the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying to have extended to him letters patent for his invention of an improvement in axles for railroad cars, called "the outside diminished bearing."

*Ordered*, That said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Nelson: The memorial of the trustees of the Presbyterian church in Yorktown, Westchester county, in the State of New York—heretofore presented February 24, 1834: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Duer: The petition of citizens of Amboy, in the State of New York, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Williamstown to Amboy Corners.

By Mr. Jenkins: The memorial of citizens of Oneida and Madison counties, in the State of New York, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Rome to Madison.

By Mr. Abbott: The petition of citizens of Lowell, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for a reduction and uniform rate of postage on letters and newspapers and the total abolition of the franking privilege.

By Mr. Birdsall: The petition of Stephen B. Leonard, postmaster at Owego, in the State of New York, and other citizens, praying for increased compensation to certain postmasters.

By Mr. Miller: The memorial of citizens of Marion county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the passage of a law which will remedy the inequality now existing in the rates of postage on newspapers;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Knox county, in the State of Ohio.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Lincoln: The petition of Hickon and Brothers, praying compensation for service in transporting Illinois volunteers destined for the seat of war in Mexico.

By Mr. Birdsall: The petition of Daniel G. Garnsey, of Irving, in the State of New York, praying for the repayment of certain moneys, and for compensation for services rendered by him in aiding in the removal of the Cattaraugus Indians west of the Mississippi river.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Giddings: Additional papers in the case of William Milford.

By Mr. Faran: The petition of citizens of Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, praying that that city be made a port of entry.

By Mr. Gregory: The petition of shipping merchants and ship owners of the city of New York, praying for the passage of a law to facilitate the landing and warehousing the cargoes of vessels from foreign courts.

By Mr. Gaines: The proceedings of a meeting held at Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to pass a law which shall provide more effectually against accidents and disasters on board steamboats on the western rivers.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying for an amendment to the law of 1793 in relation to the re-capture of fugitive slaves;

Also, the petition of citizens of Ashtabula county, in the State of Ohio, praying that the non-slaveholding States be released from all legal obligation to aid directly or indirectly in upholding slavery;

Also, the petition of citizens of Mahoning county, in the State of Ohio, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of Roswell W. Hasking, of Buffalo, in the State of New York, praying for the revival of the law for the relief of the insolvent debtors of the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cabell, by leave, presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Florida, as follows:

In relation to the removal of the land office from Newmansville to Oceola: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

In relation to a speedy survey of the private land claims: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

In relation to the widows and orphans of those who have died in defence of their country in Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

In relation to pre-emption rights: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

In relation to graduating the price of public lands in said State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

In relation to appropriating one hundred and sixty acres of the public land for the building of a court-house in Hillsborough county: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

In relation to the Indians in south Florida and providing for the safety of the inhabitants of that section of said State: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

In relation to draining the everglades in said State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

In relation to a mail route from Chattahoochie to Pensacola: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

In relation to certain sections of land granted by the United States to Florida for the purpose of fixing her seat of government: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

In relation to the expenses of Florida volunteers previous to being mustered into the service of the United States: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

In relation to lands which have reverted back to the general government under the "armed occupation act," and in regard to the eight sections of land granted to Florida for the fixing a seat of government: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

In relation to locating the school lands in eighth sections: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

In relation to Congress providing lands for the inhabitants of certain townships for the support of public schools: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

In relation to procuring copies of all the surveys and reports made therein of canal and railroad routes in Florida, by the United States government, for the use of said State: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

In relation to the passage of a law in relief of certain citizens in said State: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Clapp: The petition of Samuel T. Winslow, of Auburn, in the State of Maine, praying for a pension on account of his infirmities, caused by hardships and exposure in the service of the United States in the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Marsh: The petition of Wolcott Burnham, of Lincoln, in the State of Vermont, praying for arrearage of pension for his services in the army of the United States during the war of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Cabell: The memorial of George Mackay, praying for the passage of a law providing a right of pre-emption to unsectioned and worthless townships of land in the State of Florida: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of citizens of Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to take such measures as will peaceably dissolve the Union;

Also, the petition of citizens of Lucas county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a speedy termination of the present war with Mexico.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. McKay obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 291) requiring all moneys receivable from customs, and from all other sources, to be paid immediately into the treasury, without abatement or deduction, and for other purposes: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By general consent, Mr. Grinnell, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (No. 292) to provide for the ventilation of passenger vessels, and for other purposes: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Willard P. Hall, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for leave to introduce a joint resolution expressive of the thanks of Congress to Brigadier General Price and Colonel Alexander W. Doniphan, and the troops under their respective commands: which being objected to,

Mr. Hall moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce his said resolution.

And the question being put, "Shall the rules be suspended for the purpose aforesaid?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 95 / Nays..... 54

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Samuel A. Bridges
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Winfield S. Featherston

Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Willard P. Hall
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence

Mr. Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill

Mr. William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Mr. William Strong
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Mr. Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Washington Barrow
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
Mr. Nathan Evans
David Fisher
John Freedley
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Dudley Marvin
John G. Palfrey
Harvey Putnam
Mr. Julius Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.
George N. Eckert

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, by leave, gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a joint resolution of thanks to Major General Worth and Brigadier General Wool.

Mr. Cocke offered the following resolution, (the rules being suspended for the purpose;) which was read as follows, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be, and they are hereby, directed to report to this House a suitable joint resolution awarding gold medals to such officers or soldiers of the army as have distinguished themselves in the war with Mexico, and who should receive this marked compliment at the hands of Congress.

Mr. Cocke moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the said resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Hill, in pursuance of previous notice, obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 293) to increase the pay of the private soldiers engaged in the war with Mexico: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Howell Cobb, by leave, presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Georgia, in favor of a mail route between Blairsville and Mount Yonah: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Fulton, (by leave,)

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Mechanicksburg, in Giles county, Virginia, to Perry's store, in the county of Tazewell; and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Lord moved to suspend the rules, to allow him to offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Commissioner of Patents be requested to cause

all the models of metallic air-tight coffins in his department, designed for the safe and convenient transportation of bodies, to be taken up for examination and reported upon without delay.

And pending the motion to suspend the rules therefor,

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at half past 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, March 7, 1848.

Mr. Gayle, by leave, presented the memorial of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company, and of citizens of the States of Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Kentucky, asking the right of way over the public lands, and a grant of public lands to said company: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Putnam, (by leave,)

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds be instructed to examine and determine whether in their opinion the Hall of Representatives is sufficiently ventilated, with respect to the health of its members; and, if not, that they inquire into the expediency of having such ventilation made as may be deemed necessary and proper; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John F. Ohl, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of citizens of Ashtabula and Trumbull counties, Ohio, and that they be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Crowell, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Joseph R. Brown, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hunt, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (No. 294) to remit the duties upon certain goods destroyed by fire in the city of New York, accompanied by a report in writing: which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Hunt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the resolution of the House of February 9, 1848, directing them to inquire into the expediency of appropriating a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars for continuing the survey of the great lakes, heretofore conducted by the corps of topographical engineers, be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and that it be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Gregory, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the petition of William Harding, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 295) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole

House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gregory, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Emanuel Berri and John M. Keese, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 296) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Putnam, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of Frederick Hall, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stephens, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred bill H. R. No. 224, granting to the Alabama, Florida, and Georgia Railroad Company the alternate sections of the public lands along the route of their contemplated roads, on certain conditions, reported the same with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and be printed.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Lahm: Five memorials of citizens of Stark and Wayne counties, in the State of Ohio, praying that no further extension be given to the heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased, of a patent for Wood's cast iron plough.

By Mr. Mullin: A petition of like import with the foregoing from citizens of Jefferson county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Petrie: A petition of like import with the foregoing from citizens of Montgomery county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. William T. Lawrence: The memorial of citizens of Yates county, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Root: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Medina county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Conger: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Cayuga county, in the State of New York.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Preston: The petition of citizens of Boon county, in the State of Virginia, praying for a change in the mail route from Ballardsville to Chapmansville, in said State.

By Mr. Daniel Duncan: Two petitions of citizens of Delaware and Licking counties, in the State of Ohio, praying for a reduction of postage on juvenile publications of small size, and on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Faran: Eight memorials of citizens of Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, praying for the passage of such a law in relation to steamboat navigation, the qualification of engineers and pilots, and the responsibilities of owners, as will secure safety to the lives and

property daily embarked and hazarded in steamboats: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Atkinson: The petition of the heirs of Willis Reddack, deceased, praying for the payment of losses sustained by the said Reddack in the burning of his dwelling and outbuildings by the British army while they were occupied by the American forces for the deposite of their military stores in 1779: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Kennon: The petition of Arthur Taggart, in relation to stone furnished for the National road to Zanesville—heretofore presented May 7, 1834.

Also, the petition of Arthur Taggart, praying for the payment of the sum retained by the government in settling his account for building certain bridges on the National road.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Grinnell: The memorial of citizens of Provincetown, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the duty upon fish may be made specific, and at the rate prescribed in the tariff of 1843: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Putnam: The petition of citizens of Genesee county, in the State of New York, praying that the public lands may be laid out in farms and lots for the free use of such citizens, not possessed of other lands, as will occupy them: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Lord: The petition of Lemuel Parker, praying for arrearage of pension due him on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred by him during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Root: The petition of citizens of Erie and Huron counties, in the State of Ohio, praying that in the event of territory being acquired in the settlement of the existing difficulties with Mexico, it may be appropriated for colonizing the people of color of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of Joanna J. Drinker, late widow of Lieutenant Lawrence Montgomery, late of the United States navy, deceased, praying the payment of the pension due to her late husband.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The memorial of Captain Lewis Warrington, of the United States navy, for himself and the officers and crew of the sloop-of-war Peacock, praying that the one-half of the proceeds of the Epervier and goods, which went into the treasury by mistake, be restored to said officers and crew as captors.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Alexander Evans, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill (No. 297) to amend an act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, 1847, accompanied by a report, in writing: which bill was read a first and second time; and

The question was stated, Shall the said bill be engrossed? when

Mr. Richardson moved to amend the same, by adding at the end thereof the following:

"*Provided, further*, That they shall have been elected or promoted after reaching the seat of war."

Mr. Giddings moved that the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And, after debate, and pending the question on the said motions,

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hunt reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly a bill (No. 135) further to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1848, had directed him to report the said bill to the House, with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill—the question being on agreeing to the said amendments.

The first of the said amendments was read, and agreed to; and the question being on agreeing to the remaining amendments: when

Mr. Levin moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered to be put—first on the said amendments;

And, thereupon,

The following amendment was read: Strike out, in the 65th, 66th, and 67th lines, the following: "the Papal States, and the republics of Bolivia, Guatemala, and Ecuador, *twenty-two*," and insert in lieu thereof the word "*four*;"

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 62 / Nays ..... 95 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Washington Barrow
Richard L. T. Beale
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans

Mr. David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence

Mr. Lewis C. Levin
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
William B. Preston
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Truman Smith
John Strohm
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Samuel A. Bridges
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Alexander Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries

Mr. John Gayle
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
George S. Houston
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin

Mr. Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
William Strong
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Hugh White
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley.

The following amendment was then read, viz: Strike out the 68th, 69th, and 70th lines of the bill, which are as follows:

"For one quarter's salary for each of the chargé d'affairs to the Papal States, Bolivia, Guatemala, and Ecuador, four thousand five hundred dollars;

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 42 / Nays ..... 106 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Richard S. Canby
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Daniel Duncan

Mr. Elisha Embree
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Dudley S. Gregory
Nathan K. Hall
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Samuel D. Hubbard
Samuel W. Inge
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones

Mr. Lewis C. Levin
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
William B. Preston
Peter H. Sylvester
Alexander D. Sims
Truman Smith
John Strohm
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Washington Barrow
Henry Bedinger

Mr. Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock

Mr. Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd

Mr. Richard Brodhead
Samuel A. Bridges
Charles Brown
Chester Butler
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson

Mr. Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
George S. Houston
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton

Mr. James Pollock
R. Barnwell Rhett
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
William Strong
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James S. Wiley.

All the remaining amendments, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, were then severally read, and concurred in; and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time: when

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll moved that the vote by which the said bill was ordered to be engrossed be reconsidered; and, pending the question on that motion,

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll moved, at 3 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 80 / Nays ..... 68

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
John Blanchard
Richard Brodhead
Jasper E. Brady
Samuel A. Bridges
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart

Mr. John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall
John Freedley
John P. Gaines
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall

Mr. Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
Timothy Jenkins
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler

Mr. Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Henry C. Murphy
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
Mr. George Petrie
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
Julius Rockwell
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
William Strong
Mr. John L. Taylor
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Cornelius Warren
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Washington Barrow
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Mr. Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Lewis C. Levin
Mr. Abraham Lincoln
John A. McClernand
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Samuel O. Peyton
William B. Preston
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Peter H. Sylvester
Robert Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Samuel F. Vinton
Hugh White.

And so the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## WEDNESDAY, March 8, 1848.

The Speaker announced, as the business first in order, the motion made by Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll yesterday, and pending when the House adjourned, to reconsider the vote by which the bill (No. 135) further to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th June, 1848: was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. George S. Houston, by leave, presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Alabama, in relation to tolls charged on the Muscle shoals canal: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Printing, to which was referred the subject of printing extra copies of the report of the late Lieutenant Neil M. Howison, of the United States navy, made a report thereon, accompanied by the following resolution: which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That fifteen thousand copies extra of said report be printed for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. Robert Johnson, (by leave,)

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of framing a general law for the protection and relief of captured volunteers in the war with Mexico.

Mr. Henley, from the Committee on Printing, to which was referred the subject of printing extra copies of the annual report on commerce and navigation, reported the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That five thousand copies extra of the said report be printed.

The said resolution was read; when

Mr. Grinnell moved to amend the same, by striking out "*five thousand*," and inserting in lieu thereof "*ten thousand*:" which amendment was agreed to; and

Then the said resolution, as amended, was agreed to by the House.

Mr. Leffler, by leave, presented the following resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Iowa, viz:

A resolution for the establishment of a mail route from Mount Pleasant, Henry county, to Oskaloosa, in Manhaska county: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

A resolution for a grant of ten thousand acres of public lands, to reclaim Muscatine island from inundation: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A resolution for the establishment of a mail route from Cedar rapids, in Linn county, to the falls of Cedar river, in Blackhawk county: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

A resolution for the establishment of a mail route from Tipton, in Cedar county, to the county seat of Benton county: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

A resolution for the establishment of a weekly mail on route No. 4,577, from Fairfield, in Jefferson county, to Fort Des Moines, in Polk county: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

A resolution for a grant of land to aid in the construction of a railroad from Dubuque to Keokuk: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

*Ordered*, That the said several resolutions be printed.

Mr. White, by leave, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing take into consideration the propriety of printing as many copies of the agricultural report from the Commissioner of Patents as will equal the cost of printing the report of said commissioner at the first session of the 29th Congress, and having the same bound at a cost not exceeding twenty cents per copy.

The said resolution was read; when Mr. Howell Cobb moved that it be laid upon the table: which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Farrelly moved to amend the said resolution, by adding at the end thereof the following:

"That the usual number of copies of the report of the Commissioner of Patents be printed, and that it be referred to the Commit-

tee on Printing to consider the propriety of printing five thousand extra copies of the report and documents together, and five thousand copies of the report and documents without the agricultural report and the decisions of Judge Cranch: forty thousand copies of the agricultural report, and two thousand copies of the decisions of Judge Cranch; and that the Committee on Engraving inquire into the expediency of engraving the plates accompanying the agricultural report."

The said amendment was read; when

Mr. White accepted the same, and modified his said resolution accordingly.

Mr. Howell Cobb then moved again that the resolution be laid upon the table: which motion was not agreed to.

And the question was then stated, Will the House agree to the said resolution as modified; when

Mr. Howell Cobb moved to amend it by striking out all after the word "*resolved*," and inserting the following:

"That the Committee on Printing be instructed to inquire into the expediency of printing an extra number of copies of the report of the Commissioner of Patents."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative; and

The said resolution, as amended, was then agreed to, and is as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing take into consideration the propriety of printing as many copies of the agricultural report from the Commissioner of Patents as will equal the cost of printing the report of said commissioner at the first session of the 29th Congress, and having the same bound at a cost not exceeding twenty cents per copy. That the usual number of copies of the report of the Commissioner of Patents be printed, and that it be referred to the Committee on Printing to consider the propriety of printing five thousand extra copies of the report and documents together, and five thousand copies of the report and documents without the agricultural report and the decisions of Judge Cranch: forty thousand copies of the agricultural report, and two thousand copies of the decisions of Judge Cranch; and that the Committee on Engraving inquire into the expediency of engraving the plates accompanying the agricultural report.

The House, by unanimous consent, proceeded to the consideration of the resolution offered by Mr. Stanton on the 20th of December last, requesting the President of the United States to communicate any correspondence with the government of Great Britain relating to reciprocity of trade; when

The resolution was read and agreed to.

Mr. Iverson, by leave, presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Georgia, relative to a mail route from Traveller's Rest, in Dooly county, to Florence, in Stewart county: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills,

reported that the Committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 182. An act to amend an act entitled "An act in amendment of the acts respecting the judicial system of the United States."

H. R. No. 231. An act granting the franking privilege to Louisa Catharine Adams.

S. No. 12. An act authorizing persons to whom reservations of land have been made, under certain Indian treaties, to alienate the same in fee.

H. R. No. Joint resolution expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Scott, and the troops under his command, for their distinguished gallantry and good conduct in the campaign of 1847.

The House then resumed the consideration of the motion made yesterday to reconsider the vote by which the bill (No. 135) further to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1848, was ordered to be engrossed.

And, after debate, Mr. Cocke moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the House refused to reconsider the said vote.

The said bill was then read the third time, and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when

Mr. Howell Cobb moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 137 / Nays ..... 15 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Green Adams | Mr. Beverly L. Clark | Mr. George Fries |
| Washington Barrow | Thomas L. Clingman | Andrew S. Fulton |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Howell Cobb | John P. Gaines |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Williamson R. W. Cobb | John Gayle |
| Henry Bedinger | William M. Cocke | William L. Goggin |
| Ausburn Birdsall | William Collins | Daniel Gott |
| James A. Black | Harmon S. Conger | James S. Green |
| John Blanchard | Robert B. Cranston | Willard P. Hall |
| Thomas S. Bocock | John H. Crozier | Moses Hampton |
| John M. Botts | John R. J. Daniel | John H. Harmanson |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | John Dickey | Samson W. Harris |
| James B. Bowlin | Rudolphus Dickinson | William T. Haskell |
| Linn Boyd | James Dixon | Thomas J. Henley |
| Nathaniel Boyden | Richard S. Donnell | Hugh L. W. Hill |
| Richard Brodhead | William Duer | Elias B. Holmes |
| Jasper E. Brady | Garnett Duncan | George S. Houston |
| Samuel A. Bridges | George G. Dunn | Washington Hunt |
| Charles Brown | Joseph E. Edsall | Samuel W. Inge |
| Armistead Burt | Elisha Embree | Charles J. Ingersoll |
| Chester Butler | Alexander Evans | Alexander Irvin |
| Charles W. Cathcart | James J. Faran | Alfred Iverson |
| John G. Chapman | Winfield S. Featherston | David S. Jackson |
| Lucien B. Chase | Orlando B. Ficklin | John Jamieson |
| Franklin Clark | Thomas S. Flournoy | Robert W. Johnson |

Mr. John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sere
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
Mr. William Nelson
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Mr. Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
William Strong
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Patrick W. Tompkins
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Richard S. Canby
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Joshua R. Giddings
Artemas Hale
Mr. William Henry
Charles Hudson
Daniel P. King
Lewis C. Levin
George P. Marsh
Mr. John G. Palfrey
Julius Rockwell
Joseph M Root
John Strohm
John Van Dyke.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Chapman: The memorial of the corporation of Georgetown, praying for an appropriation for the improvement of the channel and navigation of the Potomac: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The petition of C. Evans, of Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the passage of a law which shall authorize government to purchase his patent for the prevention of explosions of steam boilers.

By Mr. Gott: The affidavits of John B. Gaylard and others, in relation to Wood's cast iron plough;

Also, the petition of citizens of Onondaga county, in the State of New York, remonstrating against a renewal of a patent to the heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased, for Wood's cast iron plough.

By Mr. Sylvester: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Greene county, in the State of New York.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office.

By Mr. Blanchard: The petition of John Deamit, praying for the passage of a law authorizing the Postmaster General to pay him for loss sustained in carrying the mail: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Robert W. Johnson: The petition of Joseph Jester, of the State of Arkansas, for himself and the other Encarnacion prisoners,

praying to be allowed their full pay, including subsistence, for eight months, the term of their captivity in Mexico.

By Mr. Taylor: The petition of James S. McGinnis, of Chilicothe, in the State of Ohio, praying payment of his account against the United States for subsistence furnished the 2d regiment of Ohio volunteers.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Willard P. Hall: The memorial of Robert B. Mitchell, late sub-Indian agent, praying for reimbursement of money erroneously paid by him to William Russell, for services rendered as miller to the Pottawatomies: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Botts: The petition of the Tredegar Iron Company, of Richmond, Virginia—heretofore presented April 2, 1846.

By Mr. Willard P. Hall: The petition of William D. Gibson, of Buchanan county, in the State of Missouri, praying reimbursement of money advanced by him for a yoke of oxen, for the service of the United States.

By Mr. Iverson: The petition of Jacob Yearty, of Russell county, in the State of Alabama, praying compensation for property destroyed by the depredation of hostile Indians during the Florida war.

By Mr. White: The petition of Daniel G. Garusey, of the State of New York, praying compensation for his services as inspector and aid-de-camp in the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Gayle: The petition of citizens of Mobile, in the State of Alabama, praying for an appropriation to deepen and improve the channel and harbor of Mobile bay.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of Thomas H. Leggett—heretofore presented December 9, 1845.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Willard P. Hall: The memorial of citizens of northern Missouri, praying for a grant of land to the Hannibal and St. Joseph's Railroad Company: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Mann: The memorial of Frederick Taylor, of Westmoreland county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for a pension, on account of infirmities and disease from hardships and exposure in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain;

Also, the petition of Henry Neely, of Westmoreland county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for a pension, on account of disabilities and disease caused by hardships and exposure in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Bowlin: The memorial of citizens of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, praying for the passage of such laws, in reference

to steamboat navigation, the qualifications of engineers and pilots, and the responsibilities of owners, as will secure safety to the lives and property daily embarked and hazarded in steamboats: which was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty-three minutes, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## THURSDAY, March 9, 1848.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills and a resolution with the following titles, viz:

S. R. 9. A resolution for the relief of Betsey McIntosh;

S. 23. An act for the relief of the administratrix of Elisha L. Keen, deceased;

S. 24. An act providing for the payment of the claim of Walter R. Johnson against the United States;

S. 89. An act to make attachments which are made under process issuing from the courts of the United States conform to the laws regulating such attachments in the courts of the States;

S. 144. An act concerning the courts of the United States in and for the district of Michigan;

and found the same duly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Mr. Murphy, by leave, presented a memorial of the New York Historical Society, in relation to the census to be taken by the United States in 1850: which was referred to the joint Committee on the Library of Congress, with instructions to report thereon as soon as practicable.

Mr. Vinton, by leave, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1849, and for other purposes: which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Botts, by leave, presented a letter from the Secretary of War, enclosing a copy of a communication from the United States quartermaster at New York, respecting the payment of freight on the remains of deceased officers of the army shipped from Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Harris: The petition of members of the Legislature of the State of Alabama, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Huntsville to the city of Montgomery, in said State;

Also, the petition of citizens of Coosa and Shelby counties, in the State of Alabama, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Wetumpka to Columbiana, in said State.

By Mr. Daniel Duncan: The petition of citizens of Delaware county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post office at Stratford, in said county.

By Mr. Charles E. Stewart: The petition of citizens of Marshall, in the State of Michigan, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Marshall, via Eaton rapids, to Michigan, the capital of the State;

Also, the petition of citizens of St. Joseph county, in the State of Michigan, praying that the compensation of the postmaster at Mottville be increased.

By Mr. Ficklin: The memorial of citizens of Edgar county, in the State of Illinois, praying for an immediate and proportionate reduction of postage on newspapers.

By Mr. Daniel: The memorial of John McRae, postmaster at Fayetteville, in the State of North Carolina, praying payment of rewards for apprehending mail robbers, and for expenses incurred in sending express to South Carolina by order of the President of the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Charles E. Stuart: The memorial of citizens of Ionia county, in the State of Michigan, praying for the removal of the seat of government of the United States to Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Leffler: The memorial of citizens of Jackson county, in the State of Iowa, praying for an appropriation to defray the expense of surveying and marking a portion of the boundary of said State: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Cranston: The petition of citizens of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, remonstrating against the further prosecution of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Crowell: The memorial of citizens of Summit county, in the State of Ohio, praying that no further extension of a patent be given to the heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased, for Wood's cast iron plough: which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of William Snavely—heretore presented February 6, 1840: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of Barton Ricketson, of New Bedford, in the State of Massachusetts, praying compensation for removing three wrecks from the harbor, which had sunk at the Delaware breakwater.

By Mr. Jacob Thompson: The petition of William H. Cleveland and others, praying for a change of the custom-house from Shieldsboro' to Boloxi, in the State of Mississippi.

By Mr. Pillsbury: The memorial of citizens of the collection district of Saluria, in the State of Texas, praying for the custom-house to be removed to Deerow's Point, and the name of the district changed to that of Matagorda.

By Mr. Cranston: The petition of the American Insurance Company and others, citizens of the State of Rhode Island, praying that a dolphin be placed on Long Bed, in Providence river.

By Mr. Duer: The petition of sundry citizens of Oswego, in the State of New York, praying for an appropriation to reconstruct the piers and improve the harbor at said place.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Leffler: The petition of citizens of the State of Iowa, praying for a grant of land to said State to aid in the construction of a railroad from Du Buque to Keokuck;

Also, the petition of the administrators on the estate of Harper Brosiers, deceased, praying for the passage of an act extending the time for locating land under a certain warrant expired by limitation.

By Mr. Stanton: The petition of the heirs of Henry White, deceased, praying for the revival of the act of 1842, or the passage of a new act, authorizing the locating and entry of lands under certain land warrants.

By Mr. McDowell: Additional evidence in the case of James Brownlee.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of Elisha H. Holmes, of Windham, in the State of Connecticut—heretofore presented December 17, 1845.

By Mr. Root: The petition of citizens of Medina county, in the State of Ohio, remonstrating against the renewal of a patent for Wood's cast iron plough.

By Mr. Kellogg: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Clinton county, in the State of New York.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Stephens moved that the vote taken yesterday upon the passage of the bill (No. 135) further to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1848, be reconsidered.

Mr. Alexander Evans moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; which motion was agreed to.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did this day approve and sign bills and a resolution of the following titles:

H. R. No. 182. An act to amend an act entitled "An act in amendment of the acts respecting the judicial system of the United States."

H. R. No. 231. An act granting the franking privilege to Louisa Catharine Adams.

H. R. No. 11. Joint resolution expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Winfield Scott and the troops under his command for their distinguished gallantry and good conduct in the campaign of 1847.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 297) to amend an act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, 1847, reported by Mr. Alexander Evans on Tuesday last from the Committee on Public Lands, and which was pending on that day, when the House proceeded to other business.

The question being on the motion made by Mr. Giddings that the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And, after debate, Mr. Haskell moved the previous question.

Mr. George S. Houston raised the question of order, that the bill must go to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union under the 131st rule, which is as follows:

"No motion or proposition for a tax or charge upon the people shall be discussed the day in which it is made or offered; and every such proposition shall receive its first discussion in a Committee of the Whole House."

The Speaker stated to the gentleman from Alabama and the House, that, in case this bill involved upon its face an appropriation of money, the previous question, if sustained, would bring the House to vote upon the reference to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union. The Chair did not, however, regard this as a bill which necessarily went to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union. There was hardly a bill which came before the House which did not necessarily involve some expenditure; yet, if it did not on its face contain an appropriation of money, it was not required to go to the committee. There was no rule which required that a bill which made an appropriation of the public lands should be referred, nor was there any precedent for it. The rule, moreover, required that all proceedings touching the appropriation of money, must be first discussed in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union. If this, then, was an appropriation bill, the whole discussion had been out of order. The chair, however, regarded this as a mere declaratory act, explanatory of the act of last session, giving a construction to that act contrary to the construction given to it by the Department of War. He was, therefore, of the opinion that if the previous question was sustained, it would cut off the motoin to refer, and bring the House to a vote, first upon the amendment, and then upon the engrossment of the bill.

From this decision Mr. George S. Houston appealed.

Mr. Stephens moved that the appeal be laid upon the table; which motion was agreed to.

The House then refused to second the previous question; and, after further debate, the question was put, Shall the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union?

And decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Putnam, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill (No. 299) to authorize the Legislature of the State of Illinois to sell and convey the balance of the lands reserved and granted to said State for the use of the Ohio Saline, accompanied by a report:

which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the said bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hunt moved that the House proceed to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table; which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Alexander Evans, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill (H. R. No. 156) to amend an act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, 1847, made a report thereon, accompanied by a recommendation that the said bill do not pass.

On motion of Mr. Pollock,

*Ordered*, That the said bill and report be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Alexander Evans, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of George F. Bloom and Henry S. Bloom, of Will county, Illinois, made an adverse report thereon: which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Alexander Evans, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Martin Sled, Mary King, Tottengen Schnebel, Allen Link, Joseph Porterfield, and Henry Keeton, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of John S. Conger, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 300) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. St. John, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to which was referred the petition of Mary Mathews Nowland, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lincoln, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 301) authorizing postmasters at county seats of justice to receive subscriptions for newspapers and periodicals, to be paid through the agency of the Post Office Department, and for other purposes, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lincoln, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of H. M. Barney, made a report thereon, accompanied by a joint resolution (No. 18) for his relief: which resolution was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the resolution and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (No. 73) from the Senate entitled "An act for the relief of Jones and Boker," reported the same back with an amendment: which bill was committed to a Committee of

the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 302) "providing for the obtaining of testimony in relation to claims for losses sustained in the late Florida war:" which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill (No. 221) to revive the act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses and other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved January 18, 1837; and the acts approved October 14, 1837, and August 23, 1842, amendatory of the same, reported back the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 303) to abolish the use of certain oaths at the custom-houses of the United States, and for other purposes: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 304) to amend the act entitled "An act to regulate the proceedings in the circuit court of the United States, and for other purposes," passed August 8, 1846: which bill was read a first and second time; when

Mr. Jenkins moved that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which motion was not agreed to.

The said bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

And being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 305) to abolish public executions in certain cases: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Taylor, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Alexander Hunter, accompanied by a joint resolution (No. 19) for his relief: which resolution was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Iverson, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report upon the petition of the legal representatives of Captain Samuel Jones, deceased, accompanied by a bill (No. 306) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a

Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Outlaw, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of the legal representatives of Joseph Savage, deceased, accompanied by a bill (No. 307) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Outlaw,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William Champlin, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, reported bills of the following titles:

No. 308. A bill for the relief of George A. Barnitz, husband of Margaret Barnitz, the only surviving heir of Lieutenant Colonel David Grier, of the army of the revolution;

No. 309. A bill authorizing the Secretary of War to issue a duplicate of land warrant No. 1,469, which originally issued in favor of Adam Hart, February 3, 1829;

accompanied by a report, in writing, in the first mentioned case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Butler, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of the legal representatives of Lieutenant George Brent, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Morris,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Levi Nicholls, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Morris, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Nathan Beard, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rumsey, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs and legal representatives of William Marshal, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harmanson, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of James H. Brigham, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 310) for the relief of Sarah D. Caldwell, wife of James H. Brigham: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harmanson, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the petition of Edna Hickman, wife of Alexander D. Peck, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 311) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time,

committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Harmanson,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition and papers of the heirs of John Wall, deceased, and that leave be given to withdraw the same; and the said papers were thereupon delivered to Mr. Harmanson.

Mr. Wick, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of the legal representatives of William McFarland, deceased, reported a bill (No. 312) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow, and the bill ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Botts,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Sarah Munger and Ann Lowell, widow and daughter of Lieutenant Noah Wiseman, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Botts,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of the Legislature of Indiana, in relation to the compensation of the adjutant general of said State; also, from the petition of James S. Abeel, asking Congress to increase the pay of military storekeepers; also, from the petition of citizens of Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, for a law to place the ordnance men of the United States army on same footing as other soldiers of the regular army, so far as bounty land and pensions are concerned; also, from the petition of citizens of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, for an increase in the compensation to ordnance sergeants; and that they be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Botts,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Catharine Riddle, widow of Lieutenant James K. Riddle, deceased, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Botts,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred bill from the Senate No. 22, entitled "An act for the relief of Mary MacRea, widow of Lieutenant Colonel William MacRea, late of the United States army, deceased," be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Boyd,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Anthony Drane, late a captain in the United States army, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Stanton, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made an adverse report upon the petition of Thomas Gregg, in relation to an improvement in the application of steam to the propulsion of

vessels, &c.: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. White, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of John J. Young, a commander in the navy of the United States, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 313) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Truman Smith,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Cortland county, New York, for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia and the territories, and that it be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia; also, from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Huron county, Ohio, in relation to setting apart, for use of people of color, the territory to be acquired from Mexico, and that it be referred to the Committee on Territories; also, from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Cortland county, New York, in relation to the validity and constitutionality of slavery, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pendleton, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of William M. Blackford, late chargé d'affaires to the republic of New Grenada, for balance of compensation, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 314) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Francis Hutinack, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 315) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sylvester, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petitions of Dolly Tracy, widow of Solomon Tracy, Mary Sheffield, and Prudence Chapel: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which were referred bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 76. An act for the relief of Fernando Fellany;

No. 77. An act for fhe relief of Peter Engils, senior;

reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Eliza S. Roberts, widow of Lieutenant Moses A. Roberts, deceased, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 316) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made

the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fries, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of John Whitmore, James Burns, Samuel Dickson, and Rachel Salts, widow of John Salts: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

M. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Seth Morton, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 317) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Joseph Johnson, reported a bill (No. 318) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Henley, from the Committee on Patents, made a report upon the petition of Hamilton Lapham, accompanied by a bill (No. 319) to renew the patent heretofore granted to him: which bill was read a first and second time, and the question was stated, Shall it be engrossed? when

Mr. Sawyer moved that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow: which motion was agreed to, and the said bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Henley, from the same committee, to which was referred the memorial of Cyrus McCormick, reported a bill (No. 320) to authorize the Commissioner of Patents to renew the patent of Cyrus McCormick for his horizontal plough: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cranston, by leave, presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Rhode Island, against a duty on tea and coffee; and also, resolutions upon the subject of the war with Mexico: which resolutions were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Sims, (by leave,)

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a port of entry at Bucksville, on the Waccamaw river, in the district of Horry, South Carolina.

Mr. Van Dyke, by leave, presented resolutions of the Legislature of New Jersey, affirming the declaration of sentiments of the Chicago convention, held in July last, upon the improvement of rivers and harbors: which resolution was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McKay, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill (No. 291) requiring all moneys receivable from customs, and from all other sources, to be paid immediately into the treasury, without abatement or deduction, and for other purposes, reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

On motion of Mr. Pollock,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be the special order of the day for Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Toombs, from the Committee of Ways and Means,

*Ordered*, That the bill (No. 219) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, be re-committed to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Pollock, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the existing laws relating to public lands as requires all patents issued from the General Land Office to be signed by the President of the United States; and also, so much of said laws as authorizes the President to appoint a secretary to sign said patents; also, to inquire into the expediency of amending said laws, so as to require all patents for public lands to be signed by the Commissioner and countersigned by the Recorder of the General Land Office; or to be executed and issued in such manner as will be most compatible with the public interest without the signature of the President, and as will avoid unnecessary delay in the issuing thereof.

Mr. Dunn, from the Committee of Claims, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 321. A bill for the relief of Thomas B. Graham;

No. 322. A bill for the relief of Elijah Milam;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Benjamin Sawyer: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 323. A bill for the payment of a debt due to the heirs of Antoine Peltier;

No. 324. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Nicholas Lachance and others;

accompanied by one report for the two cases: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crowell, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of John Harris, Captain William J. Heady, Hiram Hall, and S. H. Zink: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Flournoy, from the same committtee, made a report upon the

memorial of Christopher H. Pix, of Texas, accompanied by a bill (No. 325) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Flournoy, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Nathaniel Cox: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of N. Beeman, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, the House proceeded to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table; and

The first business thereon being the message from the President of the United States in relation to "an act to provide for continuing certain works in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes,"* passed by the two Houses of last Congress; which message was communicated to the House on the 15th of December last; and the motions made on that day, and still pending were stated, as follows:

By Mr. Wentworth, that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce;

By Mr. Vinton, that it be referred to a select committee; and,

Thereupon,

Mr. Vinton withdrew his said motion.

The question was then stated, Shall the said message be referred to the Committee on Commerce?

And, after debate,

Mr. Sawyer moved the previous question.

And then, on motion of Mr. Jacob Thompson, the House, at 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1848.

Mr. Sawyer moved that the vote by which the House yesterday committed to the Committee of the Whole House the bill (No. 319) to renew the patent heretofore granted to Hamilton Lapham be reconsidered.

Mr. Vinton moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to-wit:

By Mr. Ficklin: The memorial of citizens of Clark county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from York, in Clark county, to Charleston, in Coles county.

By Mr. Sylvester: The memorial of citizens of Green county, in the State of New York, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Greenville to Oak Hill, in said county.

By Mr. Preston: The petition of William C. Williams and other

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* Commonly called the message upon the improvement of rivers and harbors.

postmasters, praying for an increase of compensation to postmasters in certain cases.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Taylor: The petition of Thomas L. L. Brent, of the State of Michigan, praying to be allowed to him an outfit as chargé d'affairs at Madrid, in Spain, in the years 1815 and 1816: which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Fries: The memorial of John Cripps, of Columbiana county, in the State of Ohio, praying to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832, granting pensions to revolutionary soldiers: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The petition of E. B. Holmes and others, praying for the passage of an act granting to incorporated plank road companies the same privilege to import timber for the use of said roads, which is extended to railroad companies, in regard to iron: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The memorial of S. B. Elliott, a midshipman in the United States navy, praying compensation for his services as acting purser on board the United States schooner "Flirt," in the year 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. McClelland: The memorial of citizens of Clinton, in the State of Michigan, remonstrating against a renewal of the patent for Wood's cast iron plough.

By Mr. Root: Two petitions of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Erie and Medina counties, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Brady: A memorial of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Franklin county, in the State of Pennsylvania.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on Patents.

On motion of Mr. Crowell, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House upon private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Brodhead reported that the committee had had under consideration sundry bills, and had directed him to report bill No. 25, providing for the payment of arrearages of pension to Anthony Walton Bayard, with amendments; after which, finding itself without a quorum, he had caused the roll of members to be called, agreeably to the 126th rule of the House; and he now reported the names of the absentees, to be entered on the Journal, as follows:

Green Adams, Washington Barrow, Hiram Belcher, Franklin W. Bowdon, William G. Brown, Charles Brown, Aylett Buckner, Lucien B. Chase, Asa W. H. Clapp, James Dixon, Daniel Duncan, George N. Eckert, Joseph E. Edsall, Winfield S. Featherston, Thomas S. Flournoy, George Fries, Andrew S. Fulton, William L. Goggin, James G. Hampton, William T. Haskell, Washington Hunt, Samuel W. Inge, Charles J. Ingersoll, David S. Jackson, John Jamieson, Timothy Jenkins, James H. Johnson, Emile La Sère, Lewis C. Levin, James J. McKay, Henry C. Murphy, Henry

Nes, Henry Nicoll, John Pettit, R. Barnwell Rhett, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, Daniel B. St. John, Robert C. Schenck, Eliakim Sherrill, George A. Starkweather, Andrew Stewart, Charles E. Stuart, James Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, Samuel F. Vinton, Cornelius Warren, Hezekiah Williams, and David Wilmot.

Mr. Palfrey moved that when the House adjourns to-day it will adjourn to Monday next.

The yeas and were demanded upon the motion made by Mr. Palfrey; and while the tellers were in the act of counting the House, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the yeas and nays were ordered by one-fifth of the members present, a personal conflict occurred between two members, viz: Hugh A. Haralson, of the State of Georgia, and George W. Jones, of the State of Tennessee; which produced great confusion and disorder in the House.

Order being restored,

This question was then put, Will the House agree to the said motion made by Mr. Palfrey?

And decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Haralson severally apologized to the House for the breach of order committed by them, and submitted themselves to its pleasure.

Mr. Fulton moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House; which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Stephens moved, at 3 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 28 / Nays ..... 124

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. Willard P. Hall | Mr. George P. Marsh |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Hugh A. Haralson | Timothy Pillsbury |
| Henry Bedinger | Samson W. Harris | Thomas Richey |
| James B. Bowlin | Alfred Iverson | William Sawyer |
| Samuel A. Bridges | Robert W. Johnson | Richard F. Simpson |
| Richard S. Canby | Shepherd Leffler | Frederick P. Stanton |
| Howell Cobb | Frederick W. Lord | Alexander H. Stephens |
| James J. Faran | William B. Maclay | Patrick W. Tompkins |
| John Gayle | John A. McClernand | John Van Dyke |
| James S. Green | | |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Charles W. Cathcart | Mr. John H. Crozier |
| Thomas H. Bayly | John G. Chapman | John D. Cummins |
| Ausburn Birdsall | Asa W. H. Clapp | John R. J. Daniel |
| James A. Black | Franklin Clark | John Dickey |
| John Blanchard | Beverly L. Clark | Rudolphus Dickinson |
| Thomas S. Bocock | Thomas L. Clingman | Richard S. Donnell |
| John M. Botts | Williamson R. W. Cobb | William Duer |
| Linn Boyd | William M. Cocke | Garnett Duncan |
| Nathaniel Boydon | William Collins | George G. Dunn |
| Jasper E. Brady | Harmon S. Conger | Elisha Embree |
| Richard Brodhead | Robert B. Cranston | Alexander Evans |
| Armistead Burt | John W. Crisfield | Nathan Evans |
| Chester Butler | John Crowell | John W. Farrelly |

Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
John H. Harmanson
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Mr. William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Mr. Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
John Strohm
William Strong
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

The House having refused to adjourn,

Mr. Jacob Thompson offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a select committee, of five members, be appointed, who shall inquire into and report to the House the facts in relation to the personal recontre, on the floor of the House during its sitting to-day, between the members from Georgia and Tennessee, the honorable Messrs. Haralson and Jones; and, also, what proceedings, in their judgment, are necessary for the vindication of the dignity of this House.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Stephens moved that it be laid upon the table; which motion was not agreed to.

The question was stated, "Will the House agree to the said resolution?"

And, after debate,

Mr. Jones and Mr. Haralson severally apologized to each other, giving assurances that the quarrel should not be further prosecuted; and a reconciliation took place between them in the presence of the House.

Mr. Inge moved, at 3 o'clock and fifteen minutes, that the House adjourn; which motion was not agreed to.

And, after further debate,

Mr. Tuck moved to amend the said resolution, by adding at the end thereof the following:

"And that said committee be empowered to inquire what action ought to be taken by the House to prevent similar occurrences in future."

And the question being put, "Will the House agree to this amendment?"

It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Stephens moved to amend the said resolution, by adding before the word "resolved," the following:

"The gentleman from Georgia, Mr. Haralson, and the gentleman from Tennessee, Mr. Jones, having apologized to the House for the breach of order committed by them during the sitting of the House to-day;"

And by striking out all after "resolved," and inserting the following:

"That said apology be accepted by the House; and that no further proceedings be taken in relation thereto."

The said amendment was read: when

Mr. Stephens moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question ordered and put, viz: "Will the House agree to the amendment offered by Mr. Stephens?"

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 77 / Nays..... 69

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Washington Barrow | Mr. Andrew S. Fulton | Mr. Jonathan D. Morris |
| Richard L. T. Beale | John Gayle | George Petrie |
| Henry Bedinger | William L. Goggin | Samuel O. Peyton |
| Ausburn Birdsall | James S. Green | Timothy Pillsbury |
| James A. Black | Willard P. Hall | James Pollock |
| Thomas S. Bocock | John H. Harmanson | William B. Preston |
| James B. Bowlin | Samson W. Harris | William A. Richardson |
| Linn Boyd | Thomas J. Henley | Thomas Richey |
| Samuel A. Bridges | Hugh L. W. Hill | John L. Robinson |
| Richard S. Canby | George S. Houston | William Rockhill |
| Charles W. Cathcart | Alexander Irvin | William Sawyer |
| Lucien B. Chase | Alfred Iverson | Augustine H. Shepperd |
| Asa W. H. Clapp | Andrew Johnson | Richard F. Simpson |
| Franklin Clark | Robert W. Johnson | Alexander D. Sims |
| Beverly L. Clark | John W. Jones | Ephraim K. Smart |
| Howell Cobb | William Kennon, jr. | Frederick P. Stanton |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | Samuel Lahm | Alexander H. Stephens |
| William M. Cocke | Shepherd Leffler | John Strohm |
| John W. Crisfield | Abraham Lincoln | James H. Thomas |
| John D. Cummins | Robert McClelland | Jacob Thompson |
| Rudolphus Dickinson | John A. McClernand | Patrick W. Tompkins |
| Joseph E. Edsall | James J. McKay | Thomas J. Turner |
| James J. Faran | Robert M. McLane | Abraham W. Venable |
| Orlando B. Ficklin | Job Mann | William W. Wick |
| John Freedley | John K. Miller | James S. Wiley. |
| George Fries | Charles S. Morehead | |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. John H. Crozier | Mr. Daniel Gott |
| John Blanchard | John Dickey | Dudley S. Gregory |
| Nathaniel Boydon | Richard S. Donnell | Joseph Grinnell |
| Jasper E. Brady | William Duer | Artemas Hale |
| Richard Brodhead | Garnett Duncan | Nathan K. Hall |
| Armistead Burt | George G. Dunn | Moses Hampton |
| Chester Butler | Elisha Embree | William Henry |
| John G. Chapman | Alexander Evans | Elias B. Holmes |
| Thomas L. Clingman | John W. Farrelly | Charles Hudson |
| William Collins | David Fisher | Washington Hunt |
| Harmon S. Conger | Thomas S. Flournoy | Joseph R. Ingersoll |
| Robert B. Cranston | John P. Gaines | T. Butler King |
| John Crowell | Joshua R. Giddings | Daniel P. King |

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| Mr. William T. Lawrence | Mr. Charles H. Peaslee | Mr. Truman Smith |
| Sidney Lawrence | Lucius B. Peck | William Strong |
| Frederick W. Lord | John S. Pendleton | John L. Taylor |
| James McDowell | Harvey Putnam | Bannon G. Thibodeaux |
| Dudley Marvin | Gideon Reynolds | Richard W. Thompson |
| Joseph Mullin | Julius Rockwell | Robert Toombs |
| Henry C. Murphy | Joseph M. Root | Amos Tuck |
| William Nelson | David Rumsey, jr. | John Van Dyke |
| David Outlaw | Peter H. Sylvester | Hugh White |
| John G. Palfrey | John I. Slingerland | Joseph A. Woodward. |

So the said amendment was agreed to.

And the question was then put, "Will the House agree to the said resolution as amended?"

And decided in the affirmative.

And then, on motion of Mr. Venable, the House, at 4 o'clock and fifteen minutes adjourned, until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## MONDAY, March 13, 1848.

In pursuance of the resolution offered by Mr. Chapman on the 14th of February last, relative to the tobacco trade of the United States with different countries of Europe, and the duties and restrictions imposed on that branch of American commerce, the following gentlemen were appointed the select committee on that subject:

Mr. Chapman, Mr. Garnett Duncan, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Butler, Mr. Venable, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Willard P. Hall, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Petrie.

The Speaker announced, as the business first in order, the calling of the States for the presentation of resolutions, commencing at the State of New York; when

Mr. Sylvester offered the following preamble and resolution; which were read; and, debate arising thereon, the resolution was laid over, under the rule.

Whereas an indignity has recently been offered to the honor of this House, and a breach of its order and decorum committed by a personal rencontre on the floor of the House between two of its members: and whereas it is expedient to guard against the recurrence of such offences for the future; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the committee on rules be required to report to this House, on or before the expiration of ten days from this date, the propriety of adopting as a standing rule of this House the following, or something of the like import, and that will meet the exigencies of the case, viz: If any member shall, during the session of the House, and in the presence of the House, engage in a personal rencontre with a fellow-member, he shall, for such an insult upon the dignity of the House, and upon the fact being duly ascertained, be expelled from his seat in the House, and be ineligible to the same for the remainder of the term for which he shall have been elected.

Mr. Elias B. Holmes, presented resolutions of the Legislature of New York, in relation to extending the pension laws by which widows of revolutionary officers and soldiers are entitled to pen-

sions: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slingerland offered the following preamble and resolution; which were read, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands, viz:

Whereas under the present policy regulating the sales of the public lands monopolies oppressive to the people arise, and speculation is greatly encouraged at the expense of actual settlers: and whereas in a great majority of cases those who design settling upon the public domain are compelled to pay large prices to speculators for land which they have obtained from the government at a low rate: and whereas an imperative necessity has grown out of this state of things that measures be taken that the public domain shall be disposed of only in limited quantities to actual settlers, so as to exclude the grasping and oppressive speculation at present existing; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to report a bill to this House to give to actual settlers the benefit of limited quantities of the public lands, for a compensation which shall not exceed fifty cents per acre; said bill also providing that for all tracts of land above such specific quantities the price shall be increased in such proportion as to prevent all unwarrantable and unnecessary speculation in such lands.

On motion of Mr. William T. Lawrence,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of requesting the President of the United States to open negotiations with the powers of christendom, for the purpose of introducing into the code of national law (in conformity with the practice now recognized as obligatory in conquests on land) the principle, that in wars between nations private vessels not armed for offence, and not carrying munitions of war, (although belonging to the citizens or subjects of a belligerent nation,) shall be free from capture or detention by an enemy; and that the committee be authorized to report by resolution or otherwise.

Mr. La Sère gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill authorizing the appointment of an additional judge of the United States district court for the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Murphy presented the petition of the Brooklyn national reform association, in opposition to the traffic in the public lands, and proposing that such lands be laid out in farms and lots, for the free use of such citizens (not possessed of other land) as shall actually settle on them: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Sidney Lawrence,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of establishing a military post at Crown Point, on Lake Champlain, New York; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Nathan K. Hall asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 326) concerning costs in

civil suits and proceedings in the name of the United States: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Nathan K. Hall presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York, against any change in the act concerning pilots, which would destroy or diminish the competition now existing: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Mullin,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the propriety of allowing defendants in criminal cases in the courts of the United States to examine witnesses on their behalf on commission; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Peck,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of passing an act for the settlement of the claims of the 4th regiment 2d brigade and 3d division of the Vermont militia, for services at the battle of Plattsburg; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Henry,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Townsend, in Vermont, to West Townsend, in said State; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Palfrey offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule, viz:

*Resolved*, That the President be requested to communicate to this House, if not inconsistent with the public interest, copies of instructions issued from the State Department to John Hogan, employed by this government in the island of Hayti, in the years 1844 and 1845; also, copies of any correspondence between the Department of State and said Hogan during and subsequent to the time of his said mission.

On motion of Mr. Hale,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision for the payment of the sum which has been audited and found due to Massachusetts and Maine for militia services, as set forth in a letter from the Secretary of War, dated December 23, 1837, and found in House document No. 45, second session 25th Congress.

Mr. Julius Rockwell offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, (two-thirds voting therefor,) viz:

*Resolved*, That bill No. 201, of the House, entitled "A bill to establish the territorial government of Oregon, now in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and which has been made the special order for the 14th of March instant, be made the special order for the 28th of March instant.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing buoys and a light-house to

guide vessels through Miskeket channel, between Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

On motion of Mr. Daniel P. King,

*Resolved*, That document No. 36, of the third session 27th Congress, containing information in regard to claims of United States citizens on the government of Hayti, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Peaslee,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs inquire into the expediency of providing by law that the officers, seamen, and marines of all vessels commissioned by the Provincial and Continental Congress to war against Great Britain be entitled to, and shall receive, the full benefits of all laws and resolutions enacted for the relief of the officers and soldiers of the army of the revolution.

Mr. Tuck offered the following preamble and resolution; which were read; and, debate arising thereon, the said resolution was laid over, under the rule, viz:

Whereas the laws of the United States now permit the collection of debts by the extent of executions upon persons held as slaves, and sales have been made of slaves by virtue of such laws; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to report a bill to prohibit the sale of persons held as slaves on any precept in favor of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Smart,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of erecting a light-house at some point on the shore of the town of Islesboro', in the State of Maine; and also, to inquire into the expediency of erecting a light-house near the town of Northport in said State; and said Committee is hereby authorized to take from the files of the House any papers in relation to the erection of said light-houses.

On motion of Mr. Clapp,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds inquire into the expediency of substituting gas where oil is now used for light, at the public expense, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. James G. Hampton presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, approving of Mr. Whitney's plan of constructing a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Gregory,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be directed to consider the propriety of making an appropriation of not less than ten thousand dollars for the improvement of the navigation of the Passaic river, in the State of New Jersey, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Strong presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, approving of Mr. Whitney's plan of constructing

a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which resolutions were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. James Thompson presented a like resolution; which was laid upon the table.

Mr. Eckert offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury furnish to this House a monthly statement of all the iron, manufactures of iron, and all the mineral coal, imported into the United States from the 1st July, 1847, to the 1st March, 1848; designating the quantity and value of the various kinds of iron, and the value of the manufactures thereof, and the amount and value of mineral coal, imported during said period.

Mr. Mann offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Commissioner of Pensions send to this House the papers of Mott Wilkenson, a soldier of the revolutionary war, on file in his office, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, as evidence in his application for increase of pension.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reviving and extending the act of 27th July, 1842, allowing five years for the issue and location of late war bounty land warrants, which act expired on the 27th of July last, so as to provide for such bounty land warrants as have not been satisfied.

Mr. Freedley offered the following preamble and resolution; which were read, and debate arising thereon, they were laid over one day, under the rule:

Whereas the increased expenses of government, caused by the war with Mexico, renders it proper that additional revenues shall be provided to meet the same; therefore

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so modifying and increasing the duties on imports as to yield to the government the largest amount of revenue which such imports can be made to yield, consistent with the welfare and best interests of the country; such increased duties to continue during the war with Mexico and until the debt thereby created shall be paid off; said committee to have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Brodhead,

*Resolved*, That the petition and papers of Mrs. Martha Gray, widow of Captain Robert Gray, the discoverer of the Columbia river, be taken from the files of this House, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Brady offered the following resolution; which was read, and debate arising thereon, was laid over under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what arrangements are necessary for the despatch of business in the office of the Sergeant-at-arms.

On motion of Mr. Alexander Evans,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the propriety of bringing in a bill providing for the appointment of an officer to reside at Chesapeake city, in the State of Maryland, for the purpose of granting enrollments and licenses to vessels engaged in the coasting trade.

On motion of Mr. Crisfield,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be, and it is hereby, instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a light-house on Flat Cap, at the mouth of Annamessex river, in the State of Maryland; and, also, into the expediency of establishing a light-boat on the Seven-foot knoll, near the mouth of Patapsco river, in said State.

On motion of Mr. Roman,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a national foundry at Weverton, in Washington county, Maryland; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. McDowell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing, by law, a post route from the town of Moorsfield, in Hardy county, Virginia, by way of the South fork of the South branch of the Potomac river, to McDowel's post office, in the county of Highland, Virginia; and that said committee be directed to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to revive and amend the act entitled "An act granting bounty land and extra pay to certain Canadian volunteers," approved March 5, 1846.

Mr. Goggin offered the following preamble and resolution; which were read, considered, and the resolution was agreed to:

Whereas the volunteers engaged for a period during the war with Mexico are required to perform the same service, undergo the same hardships, and are in most respects on the same footing with the regular enlisted soldiers of the army; and whereas the said volunteers have greatly distinguished themselves heretofore as a most efficient branch of the service; in order, therefore, to promote the enrollment of volunteers in future, if such shall be needed, as well as to provide for such as are now in service—

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of allowing to volunteers now in the service, or who may be hereafter enrolled, the same bounty, the same clothing and other advantages, without regard to pay, as are now allowed to soldiers enlisting in the regular army.

Mr. Fulton gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish the clerk of the district court of the United States for the western district of Virginia four copies of Little and Brown's edition of the Laws of the United States.

Mr. Hall, of New York, gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce bills of the following titles, viz:

A bill to provide for obtaining accurate returns and annual statements of the internal trade and commerce of the United States.

A bill to refund to the New York Indians the money withheld from them by James Stryker, sub-agent appointed for said Indians by the United States.

A bill to extend the provisions and benefits of certain acts of Congress granting pensions to the widows of the officers and soldiers of the revolution.

Mr. Clingman offered the following resolution; which was read, and debate arising thereon, it was laid over, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of this House on Indian Affairs have power and authority, and they are hereby authorized, in the examination of the facts presented in the memorial of claimants under the treaty with the Cherokees made in 1835, with supplemental articles in 1836, to send for persons, records, and papers, and to examine witnesses, in relation to all the matters of complaint in said memorial set forth, as well of the conduct of the late board of commissioners, appointed at different times, under the 17th article of said treaty, and also of the matters of complaint against other officers of the government; and that they make full report to this House.

On motion of Mr. Donnell,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing additional buoys and stationary and floating lights on the Cape Fear river, between the town of Wilmington, North Carolina, and the ocean.

On motion of Mr. Venable,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Engraving inquire into the expediency of procuring ten thousand copies of Frémont's road map from Fort Independence, in Missouri, to Fort Walla-Walla, in Oregon.

Mr. Outlaw presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of North Carolina, relating to the inlets on the coast of North Carolina: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Edsall presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, in favor of Mr. Whitney's plan for a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. Edsall presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, relative to the pilot laws of the United States, against the repeal: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Edsall presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, approving the sentiments expressed by the Chicago convention, in July last, in relation to harbors and navigable rivers, &c.: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Iverson, (the rules being suspended for the purpose,) it was

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be requested to furnish to this House a list of all the Creek Indian reservations under the treaty of 1832 which remain unsold by the reservees, or otherwise undisposed of, and the sales of which have not been approved by the President of the United States, designating in said list the name of each reservee, and the town to which said reservee belonged; also, whether such reservation be a dead location or not; whether any claim, and what, has been presented at the War Department for any of said unsold reservations, with the condition of such claim or title; also, what plan, if any, has been adopted by the War Department for the disposition of said unsold reservations.

Mr. T. Butler King presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Georgia, as follows:

Resolutions in favor of establishing a post route from Rome, Floyd county, Georgia, to Jacksonville, Alabama;

Also, for a post route between Dalton and Dahlonega;

Also, for a post route, tri-weekly, between Blairsville, Union county, and Mount Youat, Habersham county;

Also, for a weekly mail route from Halcyon Dale, in Scriver county, to Reidsville, in Tatnall county;

Also, for changing a mail route so as to run from Boxville up to Dublin, on the west side of Oconee river, and down from Dublin to Boxville, on the east side of said river;

which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Also, resolutions approving of Mr. Whitney's plan for the construction of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, and ordered to be printed.

Also, resolutions expressive of the sense it entertains of the value of the military institution of the United States at West Point: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. T. Butler King offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Speaker of this House to cause, as soon as practicable, the desks to be removed from this hall: the seats to remain as they are until some better arrangement can be made. That he shall also cause a suitable *tribune* to be erected in front of the Clerk's table, for the accommodation of such members as may desire to address the House from that place.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. King moved the previous question.

Mr. Donnell moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 96 / Nays ..... 68 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Linn Boyd
Samuel A Bridges
Richard Brodhead
Chester Butler
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
James G. Hampton
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alfred Iverson
Robert W. Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
William Strong
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Robert A. Thompson
James S. Wiley.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Green Adams
James A. Black
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa H. W. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
John H. Crozier
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John P. Gaines
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Mr. Dudley S. Gregory
Nathan K. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
David S. Jackson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Emile La Sère
Shepherd Leffler
James J. McKay
John K. Miller
Henry C. Murphy
Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Samuel O. Peyton
R. Barnwell Rhett
John L. Robinson
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
William W. Wick
Joseph A. Woodward.

On motion of Mr. Chase,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be requested to inquire into the propriety of reporting a bill to this House providing for compensating the volunteer mounted troops for the loss of horses in the Mexican war, as follows:

1. Horses dying for want of forage.
2. Stolen by Mexicans in the enemy's country.
3. Taken from the owners and appropriated to the service of the

United States officers, whereby the owners were deprived of their use, &c.

4. Lost in transportation from Tampico to Vera Cruz, or in landing at Vera Cruz.

5. Compensation for the use of horses, of which the owners were deprived by order of the United States, whereby the volunteer lost his horse, as well as the pay of a mounted man, and was reduced to the rank of infantry.

On motion of Mr. Crozier,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Dalton, in the State of Georgia, to Benton, in the State of Tennessee.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones,

*Resolved*, That the Commissioner of Public Buildings be requested to report to this House what injury, if any, in his opinion, has been done to the Capitol by cutting through the walls and arches of the building for the introduction of gas pipes; also, whether, in his opinion, any injury is likely to result from digging about or under the foundation of the building, for the purpose of putting in furnaces to heat or warm the halls and rooms of the Capitol; and, also, whether the heavy weight upon the dome from the pole and its braces, which support the large gas lantern, does not endanger the dome itself, if not other parts of the building. And that he be requested, also, to report what will probably be the annual cost of materials to generate gas and for hands or persons to attend the gas works used in lighting the Capitol.

Mr. Andrew Johnson offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That rotation in office, in the opinion of this House, is one of the cardinal tenets in a republican form of government, and ought never to be violated under any pretence whatever, and should be practised upon by all administrations, regardless of their party names.

*Resolved*, That eight years, in the opinion of this House, is the longest term any individual ought to be permitted to remain in office whose appointment is conferred upon the President of the United States and the heads of departments either by the constitution or by law.

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this House, the appointment of persons to office should be made upon the basis of representation from the several States in the Congress of the United States; that is to say, the whole number of persons appointed to office should be divided by the whole number of Representatives, giving to each congressional district in the Union its fair ratio of officers under the Federal government.

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this House, any congressional district in the Union is more than competent to furnish its full quota of officers, upon the principle as laid down in the foregoing resolutions, who would be honest, capable, and faithful to the constitution of the United States.

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this House, immediately after all the offices shall be filled, upon the principle as laid down in

these resolutions, the President and heads of department should divide the whole number of congressional districts into four equal divisions, or as near so as may be practicable, classifying them one, two, three, and four; the officers belonging to the first district falling into the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of eight years; those falling into the second class shall be vacated at the expiration of six years; those falling into the third class shall be vacated at the expiration of four years; those falling into the fourth class shall be vacated at the expiration of two years; so that one-fourth of the whole number of officers thus appointed would be retiring from office every two years, and a new set coming in to fill the vacancies thus occasioned.

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this House, in the selection of individuals to fill the offices under the Federal government, due regard should be had to the farmers and mechanics of the country, so as to give them their proportion of said offices.

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this House, the people, the principles of the constitution, the spirit of the times, and justice, all demand at the hands of the President and heads of department, so soon as may be practicable, to carry into full and fair effect the principles and doctrines as laid down in the foregoing resolutions.

The said resolutions were read: when

Mr. Johnson moved the previous question.

Mr. Alexander Evans moved that the said resolutions be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McKay,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to inquire into the expediency of having printed the following statements, which have been prepared in the office of the Register of the Treasury:

1. A statement of the amount of all revenues received through each custom-house, and the moneys expended at each, to defray the expenses of collection, from the earliest practicable period to June 30, 1847, classifying the receipts and expenditures under the different heads, as far as the books of the department will permit.

2. A statement of the quantity of land sold, the amount received therefor, how paid, and the expenses of collection in each land district, from the earliest practicable period to the 30th June, 1847, dividing the expenditures under the usual different heads.

3. A statement of the whole amount of revenue received into the treasury each year, from the earliest practicable date to June 30, 1847, giving the source from whence the same was derived.

4. A statement of the expenditures of the government, from the earliest practicable time to June 30, 1847, separating the same under different heads of expenditure, as far as can be done from the records.

5. A statement of the importations and exportations of domestic and foreign goods, in American and foreign vessels, to and from each country, from the earliest practicable period to June 30, 1847.

6. A statement of the tonnage of each district and State, and of

the classes of vessels, from the earliest period practicable to June 30, 1847.

7. A statement of the American tonnage engaged in foreign trade and in the coasting trade, and fisheries, and seamen employed, and of foreign tonnage entered and cleared, and the number of their crews from each port and State, from the earliest practicable period to June 30, 1847.

8. A statement of the amount of moneys received on account of the marine hospital fund in each district and State, and the expenditures at the same places from the same fund, and from appropriations each year, from the earliest period practicable to the 30th June, 1847.

Mr. Cummins offered the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas the rights and powers conferred by the people of the United States upon the government of the United States are, by the Constitution, wisely divided into and distributed among three separate, distinct, and independent departments—the legislative, the executive, and the judicial—upon each of which are conferred certain separate, distinct, and independent powers and rights, and of each of which is required the faithful performance of certain separate, independent, and distinct duties:

And whereas the safety of the citizen, and the harmony and perpetuity of the government itself, requires that each department should be kept within its prescribed constitutional limits, and that neither be permitted to usurp the powers or to encroach upon the rights or privileges of the other:

And whereas the management of our affairs with foreign nations, and the power to negotiate treaties, is by the Constitution conferred upon the President, and the power to ratify or reject treaties belongs to the Senate; each being held responsible to the people for the wisdom and fidelity with which they respectively exercise these powers and discharge their respective duties:

And whereas by the Constitution of the United States the President is constituted the commander-in-chief of our army and navy, and he, with his Cabinet ministers and officers in command, are charged with, and held responsible for, the faithful, efficient, and wise exercise of the powers and discharge of the duties thus conferred:

And whereas it would be impolitic and unwise, *pending* the negotiation of treaties with foreign nations, or during the existence of outstanding and unsettled questions, to give publicity to, or to inform the adverse government of, the instructions given by our government at home to our ministers and diplomatic agents abroad, or of the confidential correspondence which may have passed between them:

And whereas, also, it would be unwise, and often disastrous to the public interests, during the existence of a war, to publish to the world and inform the public enemy of the strength, position, condition, and movements of our army, or to disclose to the public enemy the plans of projected campaigns yet unexecuted; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States, in the faithful

discharge of his constitutional duties, is invested with the right and clothed with the power to withhold from publication to the world, and to the public enemy, such information as in his judgment, and in the exercise of a sound discretion, would jeopardize the safety of our army and the success of our arms, and such as would be detrimental to the public interests, and advantageous to the enemy only.

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States, in the faithful discharge of his constitutional duties, is invested with the right and clothed with the power to withhold from publication such *information*, *instruction*, and *confidential correspondence*, connected with the unsettled international controversies or pending negotiations on the same, as in his judgment, and in the exercise of a sound discretion, would be prejudicial to the public interest, and beneficial to the adverse government.

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives has the right and power to call upon the President of the United States for any information which he, as President, may possess or control, touching or concerning our national affairs, either domestic or foreign; and that it is the duty of the President to communicate such information, unless, from considerations of public policy, and in the exercise of a sound discretion, he should be of opinion that the publication of such information would be prejudicial to the public interest or advantageous to our adversaries.

The said resolutions and preamble were read; when

Mr. Dunn moved that they be laid upon the table; which motion was not agreed to; and then, debate arising upon the said resolutions, they were laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Lahm offered the following resolution; which was read; and, debate arising thereon, it was laid over, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Mileage be instructed to report a bill, so soon as convenient, so amending the laws regulating the compensation of Senators and Representatives in Congress as to reduce their compensation for travel to and from the seat of government of the United States to the sum of five dollars for every twenty miles travel, for the first four hundred miles, to and from the said seat of government; and on all the distance over the said four hundred miles, the same to be reduced to two dollars for every twenty miles travel. And that said committee be also instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the per diem of members of Congress; and on this last subject they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Crowell,

*Resolved*, That the petition of William Greer, together with the additional testimony in the case, be referred again to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Crowell gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to repeal so much of the act approved February 27, 1801, and all other acts and parts of acts, concerning the District of Columbia, as in any way interferes with the institution of slavery or the slave trade therein.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be, and they are hereby, instructed to inquire into the expediency of ceding to the State of Ohio all the lands remaining unsold, and that are unsaleable, in the Chilicothe land district, in that State, for such purposes of internal improvement and education in said district as the General Assembly of Ohio may deem best.

Mr. Fries offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay to William T. Stewart his pay as messenger of the House of Representatives for the months of December, January, and February.

The said resolution was read; and, debate arising thereon, it was laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Cummins gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill declaratory of the rights of naturalized citizens of the United States, and to secure and protect them in the peaceful exercise and enjoyment of their rights, against the acts and influence of foreign governments and their diplomatic agents.

Mr. Harmanson offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, (two-thirds voting in favor thereof,) viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of House bill No. 8, being a bill relating to the collection district of New Orleans, and for other purposes, and that it be made the special order of the day for to-morrow, Tuesday, the 15th instant.

On motion of Mr. Embree,

Whereas James Smithson, esquire, by his last will and testament having given the whole of his property, now amounting to more than seven hundred thousand dollars, to the United States, to found an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge amongst men; and Congress, to carry out the liberal designs of the donor, having passed an act entitled "An act to establish the Smithsonian Institution for the increase and diffusion of knowledge amongst men," approved August 10, 1846:

And whereas officers have been appointed under said act, and are proceeding to erect a building, which, with the improvements attached, according to their estimate, is to cost about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and said officers are about to establish in said building, with the funds of the institution, a library, to contain one hundred thousand volumes; a museum on a large scale; a chemical laboratory; lecture rooms, for the purpose of delivering lectures; and a gallery of art:

And whereas all of said objects are local in their nature, and confined to the city of Washington and its vicinity, when the design of the liberal donor was not only the increase of knowledge, but the diffusion of it amongst men for the general good:

And whereas said act provides "that there is reserved to Congress the right of altering, or amending, adding to, or repealing, any of the provisions of this act;" therefore,

*Be it resolved*, That the Committee on the Library inquire into the expediency of so changing and modifying said act as to estab-

lish a department in said institution for the purpose of collecting and arranging information on agriculture, common school education, political economy, and the useful arts and sciences; which information, together with the useful lectures that may be delivered in said institution, shall be published and circulated gratuitously among the people, so as to carry out the design of the testator in diffusing useful knowledge amongst men; and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Cathcart,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing that those persons who have entitled themselves to receive one hundred and sixty acres of bounty land, for their services during the present war with Mexico, and who may be likewise pre-emption claimants upon the Miami lands in Indiana, shall have the privilege of entering such tracts by the application of their bounty land warrants in payment, or part pay, therefor; said warrants to be estimated at two hundred dollars.

Mr. Wick gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to prohibit the importation of slaves into the District of Columbia, with certain exceptions.

Mr. Rockhill presented a resolution of the Legislature of Indiana, relative to the payment of annuities to the Miami tribe of Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Dunn,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire whether there is any regulation of the Post Office Department by which greater facilities are given, in the transmission through the post office, to written than to printed matter, the reason or necessity of any such regulations, and whether there has been any unreasonable delay in forwarding any public documents or other printed matter, after being placed in the post office; and also, whether any further legislation is necessary to insure the speedy and safe transmission of all mailable matter deposited in the post office, whether printed or written.

On motion of Mr. Embree,

*Resolved*, That the government of the United States owns a large quantity of land in the counties of Gibson and Posey, in the State of Indiana, lying on the Wabash and White rivers; which is flat and wet, and subject to overflow, and thereby rendered worthless, and creates disease in the adjoining country; and whereas said lands have been offered for sale more than forty years; and that the same would be of great value were they reclaimed, and the country around them rendered much more healthy.

And whereas it is thought practicable to reclaim said lands by draining and levelling; therefore,

*Be it resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands inquire into the expediency of granting and ceding to said counties the portion of said lands lying in each respectively, for the purposes aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Henley,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to

inquire into the expediency of providing for the reception of military bounty land warrants in payment for lands, by persons holding pre-emption rights.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for permanent arrangements with the railroads in the several States of the Union to transport the United States mail and means and munitions of war, upon long contracts, say twenty years.

*Resolved*, That the said committee be also instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting such contracts on terms and conditions that certain per cent. of compensation for such services be employed to complete unfinished portions of roads, to fill up links not now connecting, and for the continuation, especially, of the southwestern chain of railroads; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting to the States of Mississippi and Alabama certain portions of the public lands, to aid in the construction of a railroad from Jackson, in the State of Mississippi, to Montgomery, in the State of Alabama; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a mail route from Hillsboro', Scott county, to Raleigh, Smith county, Mississippi; and the establishment of a post office at the house of Asa Myers, in the said county of Scott; and that they report by bill or otherwise. And also, that they inquire into the expediency of granting to the Postmaster General authority to branch the mail stage route from Jackson, Mississippi, to Gainesville and Livingston, Alabama, at or east of Hillsboro', so that one branch pass through Philadelphia, in the county of Neshoba, and DeKalb, in the county of Kempa, and the other branch to pass through Decatur, in the county of Newton, and Marion, in the county of Lauderdale, Mississippi; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Robert Smith gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce resolutions authorizing the President to cause certificates to be prepared on parchment and presented to the officers and soldiers who have served in the present war with Mexico.

Mr. Jacob Thompson offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report to this House joint resolutions, to be recommended to the several States for adoption, amending the first section of the third article of the Constitution of the United States, which provides that "the judges, both of the supreme and inferior courts, shall hold their offices during good behaviour," so as to read "the judges, both of the supreme and inferior courts, shall hold their offices for a term of years to be prescribed by law.

The said resolution was read; when

Mr. Thompson moved the previous question.
Mr. Fries moved that the resolution be laid upon the table.
And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 83 / Nays ..... 68

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Mr. Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
John H. Harmanson
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Mr. Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
R. Barnwell Rhett
Julius Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Peter H. Sylvester
Alexander D. Sims
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
John L. Taylor
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
Aylett Buckner
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Mr. Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley.

Mr. Robert Smith, in pursuance of previous notice, asked for leave to introduce a joint resolution authorizing the President to

cause certificates to be prepared and presented to the officers and soldiers who have served in the present war with Mexico.

Debate arising upon the motion for leave, it was laid over, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Ficklin,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill granting bounty lands to the soldiers engaged in the Indian wars, under Generals St. Clair, Hamar, and Wayne; and also, such soldiers of the war of 1812 as have not received bounty lands; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Turner,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a port of entry at the city of Galena, in the State of Illinois; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Clingman moved that the rules be suspended, to make a call on the President of the United States in relation to correspondence between Generals Taylor, Scott, and the War Department: which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. George S. Houston, in pursuance of previous notice, obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 327) to cede to the State of Alabama the public lands lying within the limits of said State, for purposes of education: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Inge, in pursuance of previous notice, obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 328) for the relief of John B. Smith and Simeon Darden: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee did this day present to the President of the United States a resolution and bills of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 9. A resolution for the relief of Betsy McIntosh.

S. No. 23. An act for the relief of the administratrix of Elisha L. Keen, deceased.

S. No. 24. An act providing for the payment of the claim of Walter R. Johnson against the United States.

S. No. 89. An act to make attachments which are made under process issuing from the courts of the United States conform to the laws regulating such attachments in the courts of the States.

S. No. 144. An act concerning the courts of the United States in and for the district of Michigan.

Mr. Tompkins, in pursuance of previous notice, obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 329) to provide pensions for all the officers and soldiers, regular and volunteer, who have been injured and permanently disabled in the service, in the existing war with Mexico: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Willard P. Hall,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the

Post Office laws as to give the franking privilege to all postmasters whose salaries at this time do not exceed two hundred dollars per annum.

Mr. Robert W. Johnson offered the following resolution; which was read; and, debate arising thereon, it was laid over, under the rule:

*Resolved*, (*with the concurrence of the Senate*,) That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives close the present session of Congress by an adjournment of their respective houses on Monday, the 26th day of June, A. D. 1848.

Mr. Gregory offered the following resolution; and, debate arising thereon, it was laid over, under the rule, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House pay, on the audit of the Committee on Accounts, the account of T. Bailey Myers and F. F. Marbury, employed by the Solicitor of the Treasury under a resolution of this House, of the 20th January, 1846, to take sworn testimony on the claim of Mathews, Wood & Hall.

Mr. McClelland offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing inquire into the propriety of printing an additional number of the President's message, with the accompanying documents, for the use of the members.

On motion of Mr. Leffler,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from the Racoon forks of the Des Moines river to the Council bluffs, on the Missouri; also, from El Kader to Jacksonville, in Clayton county, Iowa.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Alexander Evans: The petition of citizens of Caroline county, in the State of Maryland, praying for the discontinuance of certain mail routes, and the establishment of a new one from Dentin, in said county, to Sudlersville, in Queen Ann county.

By Mr. James G. Hampton: Two petitions of citizens of Fellowship and Mount Laurel, in the State of New Jersey, praying for the establishment of a mail route from the city of Philadelphia to Mount Laurel, in said State.

By Mr. Brodhead: The petition of citizens of Schuylkill and Carbon counties, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from West Penn, in Schuylkill county, to Lehighton, in Carbon county;

Also, the petition of citizens of Schuylkill county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Orwigsburg, in said county, to Lehighton, in Carbon county.

By Mr. Edsall: The petition of citizens of Warren county, in the State of New Jersey, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Columbia, in said county, to Flatbrookville, in Sussex county.

By Mr. James Thompson: The petition of citizens of Warren and Crawford counties, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the

establishment of a mail route from Oil creek, in Crawford county, to Columbus, in Warren county.

By Mr. Turner: The petition of citizens of Stephenson county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Freeport, in said county, to Elizabeth, in Jo Daviess county;

Also, two petitions of citizens of Rock Island county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Peru to Rock Island;

Also, the petition of D. H. Birdsall, postmaster at Dixon, in the State of Illinois, praying for an increase of compensation on account of night service.

By Mr. Nelson: The petition of citizens of Peekskill, in the State of New York, praying for a reduction of postage on newspapers.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The petition of citizens of Franklin county, in the State of New York, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Chateaugay, in said county, to Clinton, in Clinton county;

Also, the petition of Levi Platt, postmaster at Plattsburg, in the State of New York, praying for increase of compensation for night service.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Collins: The memorial of citizens of Lewis county, in the State of New York, remonstrating against a renewal of letters patent to the heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased, for Wood's cast iron plough.

By Mr. Lahm: Eight memorials of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Stark and Wayne counties, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Rumsey: The petition of citizens of Ontario county, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Marsh: A memorial of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Addison county, in the State of Vermont.

By Mr. Nelson: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Orange county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. William T. Lawrence: The petition of citizens of Ontario county, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Root: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Medina county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Gott: The affidavit of S. A. Hubbard, and other papers, in relation to the same as the foregoing petitions.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Willard P. Hall: The memorial of William Reynolds, praying for bounty land for his services in the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Crozier: The memorial of Mary Martin, widow of Salathiel Martin, deceased, praying for a pension on account of the ser-

vices of her late husband during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of the heirs of Wadleigh Noyes, deceased, praying for an allowance of seven years' half-pay, in consideration of the services of the said Noyes during the revolutionary war.

By Mr. McKay: The petition of Sarah Yates, of Columbus county, in the State of North Carolina, praying that compensation be made to the estate of Captain John Yates, deceased, for supplies which he furnished the American army in the revolution.

By Mr. Roman: The petition of James Johnson—heretofore prepresented April 10, 1844.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The petition of citizens of Wheatland, in the State of New York, praying for the establishment of a military depot at Port Rochester, and an appropriation for fortifications at said port.

By Mr. Collins: The petition of James S. Abeel, of Rome, in the State of New York, praying for increase of compensation to military storekeepers.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Brodhead: The memorial of R. E. Monaghan, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the United States House of Representatives adopt his plan of taking the "yeas and nays:" which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Turner: The memorial of John Howe—heretofore presented December 12, 1837: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Giddings: The memorial of citizens of the State of Ohio, praying for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, and also the slave trade between the States: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Nelson: The concurrent resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York, in relation to continuing pensions to the widows of certain officers and soldiers of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of citizens of Ashtabula county, in the State of Ohio, praying that the American troops now in Mexico be withdrawn, and offers of peace, on just and equitable terms, be made: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Butler: The memorial of citizens of Columbia county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the public land be laid out in farms and lots for the free use of such citizens, not possessed of other lands, as will occupy them: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Murphy: The memorial of Joshua R. Sands, a commander in the United States navy, praying reimbursement for expenses incurred by him in conveying out the honorable Wilson Shannon to

Vera Cruz as minister to the republic of Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. James G. Hampton: The petition of citizens of the State of New Jersey, praying for an appropriation to remove the obstructions from Great Egg Harbor river, in said State.

By Mr. Nelson: The concurrent resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York, in relation to a change in the "act concerning pilots."

*Ordered*, That said petition and resolution be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. William T. Lawrence: The petition of James Charles, of Hector, in the State of New York, praying for a pension on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred during the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. James Thompson: The petition of Sarah Wood, widow of James Wood, deceased, praying for a pension on account of the services of her late husband during the last war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Slingerland: The petition of John Chester, praying for a pension in consideration of his long services in the army of the United States, and the death of his son, William Chester, in the same service, by an accidental explosion of fulminating powder.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Postmaster General, relative to the transportation of the mail from Charleston to Chagres, touching at St. Augustine and Key West, and also at Havana, and across the isthmus to Panama, and thence to Astoria; with a copy of a contract accepted by that department for that service, subject to the action of Congress: which letter and contract were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting, in compliance with the act of March 3, 1845, a copy of a contract for the transportation of the United States mail between New York and Bremen, upon the terms and conditions required by said act: which letter and contract were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

III. A letter from the Commissioner of Patents, in answer to the resolution of the House of the 12th of January last, as to what legislation is necessary to provide room in the Patent Office building for the arrangement of models in such manner as to give the examiners such access to them as is necessary in the discharge of their duties: which letter was referred to the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the House proceeded to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table; the first business in order being the message from the President of the United States, relative to an act to provide for continuing certain works in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, (commonly called the river and harbor bill,) the question pending being on a motion that the said message be referred to the Committee on Commerce,

the previous question upon which was moved by Mr. Sawyer on Thursday last; and

Thereupon the said previous question was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the said message be referred to the Committee on Commerce?

And decided in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the said message be printed.

The Speaker announced, as the next business in order, the message from the President of the United States, transmitting documents in relation to the return of Santa Anna and Paredes to Mexico, and refusing to furnish the instructions given to Mr. Slidell, as requested by the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 4th January, 1848.

Mr. Clingman moved to make the above message the special order of the day for Thursday next.

And then, on motion of Mr. Howell Cobb, the House, at 2 o'clock and thirty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, March 14, 1848.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Gayle asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 330) to establish the rates of postage on steamboats, and other water craft not in the employ of the United States: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Elias B. Holmes,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire into the propriety and expediency of importing into the United States the Alpacca or Peruvian sheep; and whether it would be consistent and advisable to employ the vessels of the general government for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Conger,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Engraving be instructed to report whether the lithographic maps accompanying the President's annual message, as ordered to be published by this House, have been furnished to the number required; when the last were received, if so furnished; and, if not furnished, when they may be expected; and whether there has been any unnecessary delay in furnishing the same, or any part thereof. Also, that they report whether said committee have contracted for the publication of the map of Lieutenant Emory and Lieutenant Colonel Abert, or either of them, as ordered by this House; and, if so, with whom said contract has been made; and when said maps, or any portion of the number ordered, will be ready for delivery.

Mr. Crowell, from the Committee of Claims, made a report upon the petition of Cassius M. Clay, accompanied by a bill (No. 331) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crowell, from the same committee, made an adverse report

upon the petition of John Hamilton: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ligon, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of John Degroot: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Ligon,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James E. Stewart, for certain compensation as a volunteer in the war with Mexico, and that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dunn, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petition of Jarvis Jackson and Jeremiah Rushton: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Flournoy, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Thomas Crown, accompanied by a bill (No. 332) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hunt, from the Committee on Commerce, made an adverse report upon the petition of Atkins Dyer: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gregory, from the Committee on Commerce, made a report upon the petition of shipping merchants and ship owners, of the city of New York, accompanied by a bill (No. 333) to provide for landing and stowing the cargoes of vessels from foreign ports, and for other purposes: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, presented a letter from the Secretary of the navy, of the 13th instant, in relation to a suspension of the act of January 31, 1823, which forbids advances to contractors, in anticipation of service rendered, and that monthly advances may be made under the contract for transportation of the mail on the route from New York to Chagres: which communication was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Goggin, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, made an adverse report upon the petition of John McRae: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sims, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill (No. 334) to incorporate the Washington Mutual Insurance Company and Savings Institution: which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nathan K. Hall, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of George R. Ward, of the city of New York, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 335) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Daniel P. King, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Joshua Eddy, deceased, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 336) for their relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (No. 337) to repeal so much of the 30th section of the act to establish the judicial courts of the United States as authorizes the taking of depositions *de bene esse*, without notification to the adverse party: which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the Committeee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel T. Anderson, made a report thereon, accompanied by a joint resolution (No. 20) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the joint resolution and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. T. Butler King presented the proceedings of a meeting of the chamber of commerce of the city of New York, in relation to the removal of obstructions to the navigation at Hell Gate, in the East river, accompanied by a plan of improvement thereof: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chapman, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the petition of William A. Bradley and others, reported a bill (No. 338) to incoporate the Eagle Steamboat Company: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chapman, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill (No. 339) to change the name of Photius Kavasales to Photius Fisk: which bill was read a first and second time: when

Mr. Ficklin moved that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And, after debate, Mr. Stephens moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, (the motion to commit being set aside by the previous question.)

The bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Chapman, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 340) to incoporate the Washington Gas Light Company: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Sylvester,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be dis-

charged from the consideration of the petitions of Mary Woods, of Rebecca Bump, and of Harriet McAlister and Emily Hoyt; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Jonana Staples, Priscilla Maxwell, and Mary Blakely, widow of Abel Blakely: which reports were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cummins, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Abigail Harris; also, upon the petition of Elizabeth Throop: which reports were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Cummins,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Orpha Roe, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Cocke, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 62) entitled "An act amending the act entitled 'An act granting half-pay to widows or orphans where their husbands and fathers have died of wounds received in the military service of the United States, in cases of deceased officers and soldiers of the militia and volunteers,'" passed July 4, 1836, reported the same with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Freedly, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the cases of David Black, Hannah Hampton, the heirs of David Jewett, Ruth Loomis, Philena Phelps and Thankful Penly, and John Sutherland: which reports were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made a report upon the petition of Joel Thacker, accompanied by a bill (No. 341) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Preston, from the Committee on the Library, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That ten thousand copies each of the three maps, drawn by Captain McClellan from actual surveys by himself and others of the topographical corps, of the battles of Mexico and of Cerro Gordo, and of the operations at Vera Cruz, be printed for the use of this House; of which one thousand copies shall be on drawing paper, and nine thousand on good thin map paper; and that the Committee on Engraving be directed to contract for the same.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. T. Butler King: The memorial of Hezekiah L. Thistle, of the State of New Jersey, praying that the Commissioner of Patents be directed to issue to the said Thistle letters patent for his invention of a dragoon saddletree; and, also, for a modification of the patent laws that shall prevent favoritism.

By Mr. Root: The petition of citizens of Medina county, in the State of Ohio, remonstrating against a renewal to the heirs of Jetro Wood, deceased, of a patent for Wood's cast iron plough.

By Mr. Cummins: Three memorials of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Tuscarawas county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Jenkins: Eighteen memorials of similar import from citizens of Chenango, St. Lawrence, Erie, Oneida, Washington, Wayne, Wyoming, Ontario, Schenectady, Dutchess, Steuben, and Cayuga counties, in the State of New York;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Rutland county, in the State of Vermont;

Also, a petition of like import with the foregoing from citizens of Union county, in the State of Pennsylvania;

Also, a petition of like import with the foregoing from citizens of Jackson county, in the State of Michigan;

Also, a petition of like import with the foregoing, from citizens of Summit county, in the State of Ohio.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Dickey: The petition of citizens of Beaver county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Pittsburg, in said State, to Mansfield, in the State of Ohio, and for the establishment of a post office at Rochester;

Also, the petition of citizens of Washington county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Dunningsville, in said county, to Hillsborough, and the establishment of a post office at Vanceville;

Also, a petition of citizens of Beaver county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Smith's ferry to Darlington, in said county.

By Mr. Charles E. Stuart: The petition of citizens of Kalamazoo and St. Joseph counties, in the State of Michigan, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Kalamazoo to Lima, in the State of Indiana.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of citizens of Trumbull county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a repeal of so much of the act of March 3, 1847, as requires postage to be paid on newspapers circulating within thirty miles of the office of publication, and for such other modifications of said act as shall more effectually provide for a uniform system of cheap postage on letters.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Dickey: The petition of Jonathan Smith, late a lieutenant in the Virginia continental line in the war of the revolution, praying for five years' commutation pay.

By Mr. Jenkins: The petition of the heirs of Moses Cook, deceased—heretofore presented January 24, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The memorial of citizens of Alleghany county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the repeal of the

act of Congress entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters," passed February 12, 1793: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Franklin Clark: The petition of John Farnham—heretofore presented December 15, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Cummins: The memorial of Anna Maria Baldwin—heretofore presented December 28, 1846: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Alexander Evans: The petition of citizens of Chesapeake city, in the State of Maryland, praying for the passage of an act authorizing the appointment of an officer at said place with power to grant licenses and enrollments for vessels.

By Mr. Starkweather: The petition of citizens of Otsego county, in the State of New York, praying for an appropriation for the construction of a harbor at the mouth of Sheboygan river, in the Territory of Wisconsin.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The petition of the heirs of Lieutenant Andrew Dover—heretofore presented December 23, 1846.

By Mr. Jenkins: The petition of Adam J., son of Patrick Campbell, deceased, of Oneida county, in the State of New York, for himself and the other heirs, praying for a pension on account of the services of their late father during the war of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Clapp: The memorial of citizens of Baldwin, in the State of Maine, praying for the passage of a law granting bounty lands to privates enlisted in the United States army and afterwards promoted to commissioned officers, the same as if they had been discharged as privates: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Dickey: The memorial of citizens of Beaver county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the present war with Mexico may be brought to an immediate termination, and without receiving money or territory as indemnity for the expenses of it: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Thibodeaux, the House proceeded to the consideration of the special order for this day, to wit: the bill (No. 8) relating to the collection district of New Orleans, and for other purposes;

The question being on ordering the bill to be engrossed;

And, after debate,

The said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

And the bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the House proceeded to the consid-

eration of business upon the Speaker's table; the first business being the message from the President of the United States, communicated on the 13th of January last, in relation to the return of Santa Anna and Parades to Mexico, and refusing to furnish the instructions given to Mr. Slidell, as requested by the resolution of the House of the 4th of January last.

The motions made on the 13th of January last, and still pending, were—

1st. By Mr. Truman Smith, to refer to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2d. By Mr. T. Butler King, to refer to a select committee.

3d. By Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, to commit to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The question first in order being the motion made by Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, was stated;

And, after debate,

On motion of Mr. Root, the House, at 3 o'clock and five minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## WEDNESDAY, March 15, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Peck, (by leave,)

*Resolved*, That the papers in the Pension Office relating to the application of Tilly Hamilton and Caty Burnham for pensions be taken from said office, and referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw the papers in the case of James G. Carson; and they were forthwith delivered to Mr. Tompkins.

Mr. Green presented a petition of citizens of Fayette and Palmyra land districts, in the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a new land district: which was ordered to be referred to a select committee of five members.

Mr. Wiley, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made a report upon the petition of John Knight, accompanied by a bill (No. 342) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nes, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Thomas Flanagan, accompanied by a bill (No. 343) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farrelly, from the Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to which was referred bill from the Senate No. 108, entitled "An act to further extend the patent of Jethro Wood," reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing.

Mr. Nelson moved that the said bill be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the said bill and report be printed.

Mr. Jacob Thompson, submitted an amendment to the bill (No. 297) to amend an act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, 1847: which amendment was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John B. Thompson, from the Committee on Printing, to which was referred the resolution of the House of the 2d ultimo, in relation to "printing ten thousand extra copies of the abstract of contracts reported from the War Department," made a report thereon, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That ten thousand extra copies of the abstract of contracts reported from the Department of War on 26th January last be printed for the use of this House.

The said resolution was read; and, after debate, Mr. Crozier moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the said resolution was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Mahoning county, Ohio, that the government issue one hundred and fifty millions of dollars of treasury notes, for a national currency; also, from the petition of citizens of Ohio, that no further supplies be given to carry on the war; also, from the consideration of the resolutions of the House of the 21st December, 1847, and of the 14th of January last, in relation to recalling the surplus revenue deposited with the several States under the act of 23d of June, 1836; and that they be severally laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the further consideration of the resolutions of the Legislature of South Carolina, touching the establishment of a branch mint at Charleston; also, from the petition of the chamber of commerce of Charleston, South Carolina, in relation to the establishment of a branch mint at that place; also, from the consideration of the resolutions of the Legislature of Missouri, in relation to the tariff of 1846 and the independent treasury law; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Crowell, from the Committee of Claims, made adverse reports upon the petitions of John Walker, Benjamin Perham, and Joseph Hale: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Daniel,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Samuel J. Bayard, late receiver at Fairfield, Iowa, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Dunn, from the Committee of Claims, made an adverse report upon the petition of Levi Leaky: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the

further consideration of House bill No. 78, for the relief of N. C. Orear; also, from the consideration of the petition of Peleg B. Phelps, of Louisiana; also, from the consideration of the resolution of the House of 31st of January last, in relation to the expediency of paying certain money to the officers and seamen who in the year 1804 volunteered their services, under Captain Stephen Decatur, to recapture or destroy the brig Philadelphia, then lying in the harbor of Tripoli: and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Harry Richardson: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee of Claims, made adverse reports upon the cases of Dorcas Jewell and Jacob Yearty: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Goggin,

*Resolved*, That House bill (No. 180) "to amend the act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes," be made the special order of the day for the first Wednesday in April next.

On motion of Mr. Alexander Evans,

*Ordered*, That the bills of the House No. 55, to amend the act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, 1847, and No. 297, of the same title, be made the special order for Tuesday, the 4th of April next.

Mr. Murphy, from the Committee on Engraving, to which was referred the resolution of the House of yesterday, as to whether the maps to accompany the President's annual message have been furnished, when the last were received, and, if not furnished, when they may be expected, made a report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Haralson, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill (No. 227) for the relief of the volunteers engaged in the military service of the United States, reported the same with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the memorials of H. S. Stellwagen and William K. Ashards, and that they be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of officers of the army in Mexico, for further provision for the widows and children of such officers and soldiers as have died in the public service, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (No. 344) to transfer the towns of Vinal Haven, North Haven, and Islesboro', from the collection district of Penobscot to that of Belfast, in the State of Maine: which was read a first and second time,

committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Petrie, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made a report upon the petition of Parmelia Slavin, accompanied by a bill (No. 345) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Petrie, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Jonathan Slyter, accompanied by a bill (No. 346) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn, from the Committee of Claims, made a report upon the case of the legal representatives of George W. Milam, accompanied by a bill (No. 347) for their relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in obedience to the act of 21st April, 1808, and 2d March, 1809, exhibits of contracts made by that department during the years 1846 and 1847; also, a statement of the payment of miscellaneous claims, together with statements of expenditure from the marine hospital fund, with the principal and aggregate heads of expenditure for the relief of sick and disabled seamen, in each year from 1836 to 1847, inclusive: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, in compliance with the act of 1st of May, 1820, a statement of the appropriations for the naval service for the last fiscal year: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

A bill from the Senate, (No. 159,) entitled "An act to remit the duties on books, maps, and charts, imported for the use of the library of Congress," was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A message from the President of the United States was received, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, which was delivered in at the Speaker's table.

The House then resumed the consideration of the message of the President of the United States, in relation to the return of Paredes and Santa Anna to Mexico, and refusing to furnish the instructions given to Mr. Slidell, as requested by the resolution of the House of the 4th of January last.

And, after debate, on motion of Mr. McKay, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morehead reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 291) "requiring all moneys

receivable from customs, and from all other sources, to be paid immediately into the treasury, without abatement or deduction, and for other purposes," had come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Winthrop: The petition of Lucretia and Mercy Demming, of Southbury, in the State of Connecticut, praying for the passage of an act granting compensation to the heirs of such soldiers of the revolution as served during the entire war.

By Mr. Farrelly: The petition of Sarah Clarke, of Portage county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a pension, on account of the services of her late husband, Job Clarke, deceased, during the revolutionary war.

By Mr. Iverson: The petition of Francis Green, of Columbus, in the State of Georgia, praying for a pension, on account of the services of her late husband, McKeen Green, during the war of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Cathcart: The memorial of Arba Heald—heretofore presented January 2, 1847: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Roman: The memorial of Isaac Beall—heretofore presented March 24, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Winthrop: The petition of C. A. Kellett, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying to have refunded certain "tonnage duties" paid by him on the Chinese junk "Keying."

By Mr. Putnam: The concurrent resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York, in relation to the changing of the "act concerning pilots."

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petition and resolutions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Charles E. Stuart: The memorial of members of the Legislature of the State of Michigan, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Battle creek, in Calhoun county, to Michigan, the capital of the State.

By Mr. Ficklin: The petition of citizens of Edgar county, in the State of Illinois, praying for a reduction of postage on newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

By Mr. Alexander Evans: The memorial of Adam Wharum, postmaster at Elkton, in the State of Maryland, praying for increase of compensation to the postmaster at that office.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The memorial of citizens of Ontario county, in the State of New York, remonstrating against the renewal of a patent to the heirs of Jethro Wood for Wood's cast iron plough: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Smart: The memorial of Sally Knowlton—heretofore

presented December 15, 1845: which was referred to the Committee of Claims;

Also, the memorial of David Ladd, of Searsmont, in the State of Maine—heretofore presented December 15, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Printing, to which was referred the resolution of the House of the 8th instant, in reference to the printing of the report of the Commissioner of Patents, made a report thereon, recommending that the usual number of copies of the said report be printed; and, in addition thereto, that ninety thousand copies extra of the same, without the list of patents granted and expired, the claims, and the opinions of the chief justice, and ten thousand copies extra of the whole report be printed; and that fifteen hundred copies of the former and five hundred copies of the latter be delivered to the Commissioner of Patents, for the use of the Patent Office.

The committee, also, unanimously recommend the binding of the whole number.

And, pending the question upon the said report,

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 3 o'clock, and twenty-seven minutes adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1848.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the vote by which the House yesterday agreed to the resolution reported from the Committee on Printing, by Mr. John B. Thompson, providing for printing ten thousand extra copies of the abstract of contracts made by the War Department during the past year, be reconsidered;

And, after debate,

Mr. McKay moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table;

And the question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 93 / Nay ..... 78

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Mr. James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Mr. John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Mr. Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
James A. Black
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Mr. John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
Timothy Jenkins
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Lucius B. Peck
Mr. George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

On motion of Mr. McKay, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after sometime spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John A. Rockwell reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 291) requiring all monies receivable from customs, and from all other sources, to be paid immediately into the treasury, without abatement or deduction, and for other purposes, had directed him to report the same to the House with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, the question being on agreeing to the said amendments: when

Mr. McKay moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and

The said amendments were agreed to; and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

A message from the President of the United States, heretofore received, was read, and is as follows:

I communicate, herewith, a copy of the constitution of State government formed by a convention of the people of the Territory of Wisconsin, in pursuance of the act of Congress of August 6, 1846, entitled "An act to enable the people of Wisconsin Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union."

I communicate, also, the documents accompanying the constitution, which have been transmitted to me by the president of the convention.

JAMES K. POLK.

*Ordered*, That said message be referred to the Committee on Territories, and be printed.

Mr. Crisfield moved that the vote by which the House yesterday laid upon the table the bill from the Senate (No. 108) entitled "An act further to extend the patent of Jethro Wood," be reconsidered.

And the question was stated, Shall the said vote be reconsidered? when

Mr. Pollock moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the said motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Cocke, the vote by which the House yesterday laid upon the table the petition of officers of the army in Mexico for further provision for the widows and children of such officers and soldiers as have died in the public service, be reconsidered; which motion was agreed to; and the question recurred, Shall the said petition be laid upon the table? when

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

*Ordered*, That the said petition be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Tweedy: Two memorials of citizens residing on the even numbered sections of the Milwaukie and Rock River canal grant, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for a reduction in the price of said lands to one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, and also allow the same to be purchased by the settlers thereon, by pre-emption, at an early day: which was referred to the Committee on Territories;

Also, the memorial of citizens of Wisconsin Territory, praying for an appropriation for the construction of the road from Port Washington to Dekora: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Dixon: The memorial of the heirs of Captain John Rodgers, late of Halifax county, in the State of Virginia, deceased, praying for the payment of the half-pay which the said deceased

was entitled to under the act of Congress of the 5th July, 1832: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Jamieson: The memorial of the Hannibal Library Institute, in the State of Missouri, praying for a donation of such public records, journals, documents, and other publications, as shall aid in advancing the usefulness of said institution: which was referred to the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress.

By Mr. Roman: The petition of the executors of Abraham Bowman—heretofore presented February 2, 1846;

Also, the petition of the heirs of William Rogers—heretofore presented January 6, 1846;

Also, the petition of the heirs of Barnett Eichelberger—heretofore presented December 22, 1846;

Also, the petition of Francis P. Whiting, heir of the late Henry Whiting, deceased—heretofore presented January 23, 1847;

Also, the petition of William F. Purcell, heir-at-law of Captain Andrew Russell, deceased—heretofore presented January 9, 1846;

Also, the petition of the executors of Jonathan Hoge, deceased—heretofore presented January 6, 1846;

Also, the petition of John McLean, one of the heirs-at-law of Moses McLean, deceased—heretofore presented March 23, 1846;

Also, the petition of the heirs of William Cherry, deceased—heretofore presented January 17, 1846;

Also, the petition of Susan Turner, heir-at-law of Captain Samuel Colson, deceased—heretofore presented January 6, 1846;

Also, the petition of the heirs of Barnett Eichelberger, deceased, for bounty land—heretofore presented December 22, 1846;

Also, the petition of the heirs of John R. Edie, deceased—heretofore presented January 22, 1846.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Jenkins: The petition of Gideon A. Perry—heretofore presented January 24, 1846;

Also, the petition of Henry N. Halsted—heretofore presented April 10, 1846;

Also, the petition of Nehemiah Halladay—heretofore presented December 14, 1841;

Also, the petition of Warren Raymond—heretofore presented February 17, 1846.

By Mr. Mann: The petition of Henry Miller, of Westmoreland county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for a pension, on account of disabilities incurred in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The petition of Robert Whittet, of the State of New York, praying for a pension, on account of disabilities incurred, by hardships and exposure, in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Robinson: The petition of the legal representatives of John Jackson, deceased, praying for the pension due the said de-

ceased, on account of the loss of his arm in the naval service of the United States during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Jenkins: The petition of Lawrence Van Dyck, and other heirs of Joachim Van Valkenburg, deceased—heretofore presented December 15, 1846;

Also, the petition of Lettis Pond, widow of Ira Pond, deceased—heretofore presented January 24, 1846;

Also, the petition of Adam Garlock—heretofore presented April 8, 1846;

Also, the petition of Catharine Keller—heretofore presented December 11, 1845;

Also, the petition of Noah Clark—heretofore presented December 11, 1845;

Also, the petition of Isaac Gere, the heir of William Gere, of Oneida county, in the State of New York—heretofore presented January 12, 1844.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Conger: The petition of Jacob Sanders, jr., of Homer, in the State of New York, remonstrating against a renewal of the patent to the heirs of Jethro Wood for Wood's cast iron plough;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Cortland county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Collins: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Lewis county, in the State of New York.

By Mr. Peaslee: A petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Gilford, in the State of New Hampshire.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Fondulac county, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for a reduction of postage on all newspapers to one cent each, payable at the office where delivered.

By Mr. Bowlin: The petition of S. B. Aden, of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, praying for such a modification of the post office laws as shall permit the exchanges of periodicals to be made free of postage.

By Mr. Jamieson: The memorial of citizens of Calloway and Osage counties, in the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Fulton, in Calloway county, to Lime, in Osage county;

Also, the memorial of citizens of Montgomery, Calloway and Andrain counties, in the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Danville, in Montgomery county, to Mexico, in Andrain county.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. La Sère: The petition of Henry Marks, of the city of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, praying compensation for

expenses incurred by him in subsisting and quartering a company of volunteers, under the call of General Gaines, in May, 1846.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of George W. Biscoe, of Prince George's county, in the State of Maryland, praying compensation for property destroyed by the British during the late war with England.

By Mr. Jamieson: The petition of R. C. Prewitt and others, citizens of Lincoln county, in the State of Missouri, in his behalf, praying additional compensation for mail service.

By Mr. Roman: The petition of Daniel Little—heretofore presented March 13, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Tweedy: The memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for an appropriation to erect a light-house at Port Washington, in said Territory;

Also, the memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for an appropriation to complete the improvement of the Grant river slough;

Also, the petition of James Johnson and other physicians and druggists of Milwaukee, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the passage of an act providing for the inspection of all articles imported for medicinal use;

Also, the petition of citizens of Milwaukee, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for an appropriation to erect a beacon-light on the North Government pier at the mouth of Milwaukee river;

Also, the petition of citizens of Sheboygan, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for an appropriation to improve the harbor at Sheboygan, in said Territory.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of citizens of Essex, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the annexation of said town to the collection districts of Gloucester.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## FRIDAY, March 17, 1848.

In pursuance of the motion heretofore made, by Mr. Green, that a select committee of five members be appointed to take into consideration the memorial of the inhabitants of the northern portions of the Fayette and Palmyra land district, the following gentlemen were appointed the said committee:

Mr. Green, Mr. Kellogg, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Collamer, and Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Printing, made by Mr. Conger on Wednesday last, and pending when the House adjourned on that day, recommending, in addition to the usual number of copies of the report of the Commissioner of Patents, that ninety thousand copies extra of the report be printed.

Mr. George W. Jones moved to amend the said report, by striking out the word "ninety," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "*forty*."

Mr. Stephens moved that the report be recommitted to the Committee on Patents;

And, after debate,

Mr. Willard P. Hall moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the amendment moved by Mr. Jones?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 53 / Nays ..... 98

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
George S. Houston
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Mr. Robert M. McLane
John S. Pendleton
Samuel O. Peyton
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Alexander H. Stephens
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Washington Barrow
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Samuel A. Bridges
Aylett Buckner
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Beverly L. Clark
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
John Freedley
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Mr. Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
David S. Jackson
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Mr. John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
Timothy Pillsbury
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley

The question was then put, Will the House agree with the committee in their said report?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 118 / Nays ..... 35

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Washington Barrow
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Samuel A. Bridges
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
John Freedley

Mr. George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
David S. Jackson
Timothy Jenkins
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
Robert McClelland
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson

Mr. Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Thomas S. Bocock
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
John R. J. Daniel
Thomas S. Flournoy
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson

Mr. Samson W. Harris
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane

Mr. Henry C. Murphy
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Alexander H. Stephens
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert Toombs
Joseph A. Woodward.

And so the said report was agreed to, and is as follows:

"The committee have had the subject referred to them under consideration, and they recommend the printing of the usual number

of said report; and, in addition thereto, ninety thousand extra copies of the same without the list of patents, granted and expired, the claims, and the opinions of the chief justice, and ten thousand extra copies of the whole report; and that fifteen hundred copies of the former and five hundred copies of the latter be delivered to the Commissioner of Patents, for the use of the Patent Office.

"The committee have ascertained that the cost of printing this report will be about twenty-six cents per copy, and that the same can be neatly bound, in muslin covers, at a cost of about fourteen cents per copy. This will make the cost, if bound, forty cents per copy; and the aggregate cost of the whole number forty thousand dollars.

"The committee unanimously recommend the binding of the whole number of extra copies."

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. George S. Houston reported that the committee had had under consideration the calendar of private bills, had agreed to the bill No. 30—"a bill to extend to John J. Adams a patent for flattening cylinder window glass," with an amendment, and a recommendation that it do not pass; after which, the committee finding itself without a quorum, he had directed the roll of the members to be called, agreeably to the 126th rule of the House; and he now reported the names of the absentees, to be entered on the Journal, as follows:

Archibald Atkinson, Thomas H. Bayly, Hiram Belcher, Ausburn Birdsall, James A. Black, Thomas S. Bocock, John M. Botts, Nathaniel Boyden, Richard Brodhead, William G. Brown, Charles Brown, Armistead Burt, Lucien B. Chase, Franklin Clark, Harmon S. Conger, John W. Crisfield, James Dixon, Richard S. Donnell, Joseph E. Edsall, John W. Farrelly, John Gayle, John P. Gaines, Meredith P. Gentry, Joshua R. Giddings, Artemas Hale, Hugh A. Haralson, William T. Haskell, Charles Hudson, Samuel W. Inge, Charles J. Ingersoll, Joseph R. Ingersoll, Alexander Irvin, Alfred Iverson, John Jamieson, Timothy Jenkins, James H. Johnson, Robert W. Johnson, Lewis C. Levin, William B. Maclay, Henry Nes, Henry Nicoll, John Pettit, Gideon Reynolds, R. Barnwell Rhett, John L. Robinson, Julius Rockwell, Robert L. Rose, Joseph M. Root, Daniel B. St. John, William Sawyer, Robert C. Schenck, Eliakim Sherrill, Peter H. Sylvester, George A. Starkweather, Andrew Stewart, Charles E. Stuart, John Strohm, James Thompson, Jacob Thompson, Amos Tuck, John Van Dyke, Samuel F. Vinton, Cornelius Warren, Hezekiah Williams, and James Wilson.

On motion of Mr. McKay, by unanimous consent of the House,

*Ordered*, That the bill (No. 158) regulating the appointment of clerks in the executive departments, and for other purposes, be made the special order of the day for Tuesday next.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Bowlin: The petition of the corporate authorities and citizens of Carondolet, in the State of Missouri, praying for the

confirmation of the title to the commons of said village, according to the official survey: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. McClernand: The proceedings of a meeting held in Franklin county, in the State of Illinois, praying for a grant of land to aid in the construction of the Central railroad in said State.

By Mr. Ficklin: The proceedings of a public meeting of citizens of Franklin county, in the State of Illinois, of like import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The proceedings of a public meeting of citizens of Franklin county, in the State of Illinois, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying for a grant of land to aid in the construction of a railroad from Cairo to Chicago and Galena, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The petition of William Bailey and Elizabeth Sweetland, late widow of Henry Delord, deceased—heretofore presented December 14, 1841.

By Mr. Alexander Evans: Additional evidence in the case of Sarah A. Wirt.

*Ordered*, That said petition and papers be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Butler: The petition of Jacob Borton—heretofore presented February 26, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The petition of Jeremiah Harpham, praying for arrearage of pension on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Green: The petition of Maria Hogue, of Calloway county, in the State of Missouri, and others, citizens of said county, on her behalf, praying for a pension on account of the services and death of her late husband, William G. Hogue, deceased, in the Mexican war.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of members of the Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Fondulac to Plover portage, in said Territory.

By Mr. Richardson: The petition of citizens of Schuyler county, in the State of Illinois, praying for a reduction of postage on juvenile publications of small size, and on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

And then, on motion of Mr. Turner, the House, at half-past 3 o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1848.

Under the 114th rule, Mr. McClelland handed to the Clerk a notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to provide for the issuing of a land patent to Thomas B. Clarke.

Mr. Hunt rose, and announced to the House that John M. Holley, a member of the House from the State of New York, died at Jacksonville, in the State of Florida, on the 8th instant; and, after a brief eulogium on the life, character, and public services of the deceased, moved the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, viz:

*Resolved*, That this House has heard, with deep sensibility, the annunciation of the death of the honorable John M. Holley, a member from the State of New York.

*Resolved*, That this House tenders to the relatives of the deceased the expression of its sympathy on this afflicting event; and, as a testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, the members and officers of the House will go into mourning, by wearing crape on the left arm, for thirty days.

*Resolved*, That, as a further mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, this House do now adjourn.

And thereupon the Speaker announced the House adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1848.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Sawyer asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 348) to provide for bringing home to the United States the remains of the deceased officers and soldiers of our country who were killed in battle, or who died in Mexico, during the present war: which was read a first and second time.

Mr. Sawyer moved that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Haralson moved that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

And the question was first put, Shall the said bill be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs,

And decided in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickens, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have concurred in the amendments of the House to the bill (No. 1) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones."

They have passed a bill (No. 26) entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force," in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he has approved and signed bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 12. An act authorizing persons to whom reservations of

land have been made, under certain Indian treaties, to alienate the same in fee.

S. No. 9. A resolution for the relief of Betsy McIntosh.

S. No. 23. An act for the relief of the administratrix of Elisha L. Keen, deceased.

S. No. 144. An act concerning the courts of the United States in and for the district of Michigan.

S. No. 89. An act to make attachments which are made under process issuing from the courts of the United States conform to the laws regulating such attachments in the courts of the States.

S. No. 24. An act for the payment of the claim of Walter R. Johnson against the United States.

And then the Secretary withdrew.

Mr. Clingman moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to offer the following resolutions, viz:

*Resolved*, That the President be requested to inform this House why the correspondence heretofore called for by the following resolution has not been furnished to the House:

"*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to furnish to this House copies of all correspondence between the Secretary of War and Major General Scott; and between the Secretary of War and Major General Taylor; and between Major General Scott and N. P. Trist, late commissioner of the United States to Mexico; and between the latter and the Secretary of State; which has not heretofore been published, and the publication of which may not be incompatible with the public interest."

The said resolutions were read; and the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended for the purpose of introducing the same?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas ..... 84 / Nays ..... 84

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards

Mr. Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll

Mr. John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Sheppard

Mr. John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Mr. Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Mr. Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Mr. Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John Pettit
Mr. Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Albert G. Brown obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 349) granting a quantity of land to the State of Mississippi, for the purpose of improving the navigation of certain rivers in that State: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Albert G. Brown obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 350) supplemental to the act to confirm the survey and location of claims for lands in the State of Mississippi, east of the Pearl river, and south of thirty-first degree of north latitude, approved March 3, 1845: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Albert G. Brown, (by leave,)

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of graduating the price of the public lands according to the following rules, that is to say: lands that have been offered for five years and not sold to be now offered at one dollar per acre; lands that have been offered for two years and not sold to be now offered at seventy-five cents per acre; and lands that have been offered for fifteen years and not sold to be offered at fifty cents per acre. And hereafter, at the end of every twelve months, reckoning from the first day of July, 1849, there shall be a

further reduction of twelve and one-half cents per acre in the price of all public lands that have been on that day offered five years or more. And these rules shall be observed in disposing of lands hereafter to be offered. And all lands not sold within twelve months after the price is reduced to twelve and one-half cents per acre shall be relinquished to the States within which they lie respectively, for purposes of education: provided that no fee or reward shall be paid by or accepted from any pupil, for tuition at a school supported in whole or in part by the lands thus relinquished.

On motion of Mr. Albert G. Brown, (by leave,)

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House be, and he is hereby, instructed to send, under his frank, three copies of the printed report of the Commissioner of Patents for the year 1847 to the governor of each State and Territory in the Union, for the use of such State or Territory; and two copies to the clerk of the county court of each county in the United States, for the use of the county. And hereafter, in all cases, when an extra number of any document is ordered to be printed, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, unless otherwise ordered by the House, to transmit said document to the States and counties as is directed; and to this end he shall reserve, from the first copies delivered by the printer, a sufficient number to supply the demands of this resolution.

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Clerk, before he sends the documents above referred to, to have the same well bound.

On motion of Mr. Wentworth, (by leave,)

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads inquire into the expediency of graduating the rate of newspaper postage according to the number of miles over which they are transported; also, into the expediency of restoring to postmasters the privilege of receiving a certain number of newspapers free of postage.

On motion of Mr. Wentworth, (by leave,)

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands inquire into the expediency of providing by law that any landless citizen of the United States, or any other adult landless person who will legally testify that he has taken the necessary steps to become a citizen, and intends to be so as soon as possible, may possess, by actual residence and cultivation, so long as he shall continue landless and destitute of the means of purchasing land, a certain quantity of the public lands now remaining unsold and unclaimed, under any of the pre-emption laws of the United States, and thus secure every person a farm who is willing to dwell upon and cultivate it.

By leave, in pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Tweedy asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 351) for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Territories.

On motion of Mr. Tweedy, (by leave,)

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation at the pre-

sent session for the prosecution of the harbor improvements at Potosi, Wisconsin Territory.

Mr. Tweedy, by leave, offered the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to inform this House what has been done by the accounting officers of the Treasury Department to carry into effect that section of the act of Congress approved August 29th, 1842, directing them to audit and settle the expenses of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin not then closed and settled; and what steps, if any, have been taken to procure the settlement of said expenses by said officers, or to ascertain the amount thereof; what instructions, if any, have been given to the late or to the present secretary of said Territory in reference to the settlement of said expenses; and what moneys, if any, have been entrusted to either of the said secretaries, for what purpose, and what disposition has been made, and what account has been rendered of the same; and if any portion of such expenses have been settled and paid, and the vouchers thereof received, when and by whom were the same paid, and what is the aggregate amount thereof; and that he especially be requested to inform this House what causes have prevented or delayed, or do now prevent or delay, the auditing and payment of that portion of said expenses still unsettled, and what things, if any, are necessary to be done, on the part of the officers of said Territory now holding the vouchers for these expenses, in order to obtain the settlement and payment thereof without delay.

On motion of Mr. Crowell, (by leave,)

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from the town of Kinsman, in the county of Trumbull, to the city of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga, in the State of Ohio.

On motion of Mr. French, (by leave,)

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Winchester, in Clark county, Kentucky, via Reuben Rucker's, Walter Gonde's, and the mouth of Woodward's creek, to Irvine, in Estill county; and also, into the expediency of establishing a post route from Kiddville, in Clark county, Kentucky, to intersect the above named route at the said Gonde's.

Mr. Moses Hampton, by leave, presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, relative to Asa Whitney's plan for constructing a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which resolutions were referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lumpkin, by leave, presented a resolution of the Legislature of the State of Georgia, in favor of the establishment of a mail route between Dalton and Dahlonega: which resolution was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lumpkin moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to present proceedings of a "democratic meeting" of citizens of Georgia.

The reading of the said proceedings were called for, and objection being made to the reading of the same,

The question was put, Shall the said proceedings be read?

And decided in the negative.

And the question was then put, Shall the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling the said proceedings to be presented?

And decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. Gott, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to report a bill making newspapers free of postage within thirty miles of the place of publication, and within the county where the same are published.

On motion of Mr. Turner, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of donating a portion of the public lands in the State of Illinois for the improvement of Rock river; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Cranston: The memorial of the administrator of Benjamin Fry, deceased—heretofore presented December 11, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, the petition of Charles Bulfinch and others—heretofore presented January 13, 1840: which was referred to the Committee on the Territories.

By Mr. Hubbard: The petition of Betsey Hawley—heretofore presented February 5, 1840: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Embree: The petition of citizens of New Harmony, in the State of Indiana, praying that the public lands be laid out into lots, for the free use of actual settlers, limited to one hundred and sixty acres to each, and that it be made inalienable for any liabilities, except by consent of the owners: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Cranston: The memorial of citizens of Wickford, in the State of Rhode Island, praying for the erection of buoys at certain points on Narragansett bay, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. White: The memorial of John S. Skinner, of the city and State of New York, praying for an appropriation to be applied, under the direction of the State governments respectively, to the establishment of institutions for instruction in geology, mineralogy, vegetable and animal physiology, and civil engineering as applied to road making, bridge making, and other rural architecture: which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The memorial of citizens of Gloucester, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for a specific duty on imported fish, and at the rate prescribed in the tariff of 1842: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Beale: The petition of Charles C. Jett, of Westmoreland

county, in the State of Virginia, the sole legal representative of William Storke Jett, deceased, who was the only son and heir-at-law of Thomas Jett—heretofore presented January 26, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Murphy: The petition of citizens of Kent county, in the State of Delaware, praying for a reduction of postage on juvenile publications of small size, and on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches;

Also, two petitions of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Calhoun county, in the State of Michigan;

Also, four petitions of like import with the foregoing, from citizens of Juniata, Dauphin, Perry, and Erie counties, in the State of Pennsylvania;

Also, two petitions of like import with the foregoing, from citizens of Fairfield and Hartford counties, in the State of Connecticut;

Also, three petitions of citizens of Saratoga, Livingston, and Ontario counties, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, three petitions of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of St. Clair, La Salle, and Lake counties, in the State of Illinois;

Also, a petition of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Essex county, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of citizens of Erie county, in the State of New York, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Alden to Millgrove, in said county.

By Mr. Featherston: The petition of citizens of Big creek, in the State of Mississippi, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Hopewell to Coffeeville, in said State.

By Mr. Jacob Thompson: The petition of citizens of De Soto county, in the State of Mississippi, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Memphis, in the State of Tennessee, to Oxford, in the State of Mississippi.

By Mr. Albert G. Brown: The petition of himself, praying for the establishment of a mail from Williamsburg, in Covington county, to Paulding, in Jasper county, and from thence, via Leakesville, to Mobile, in the State of Alabama;

Also, the petition of himself, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Jackson, by Raymond, Rocky springs, and Fayette, to Natchez, in the State of Mississippi.

By Mr. Preston: The petition of citizens of Pocahontas and Randolph counties, in the State of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Huntersville, in Pocahontas county, to Huttonsville, in Randolph county.

By Mr. Edsall: The petition of citizens of Somerville, in the State of New Jersey, praying for the extension of a mail route from Somerville, via New Germantown, to German valley, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of citizens of Buffalo, in the State of New York, praying for a speedy termination of the war

with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of Charles Findlay, of the State of Missouri, praying for the payment of a certain draft drawn in favor of the superintendent of Indian affairs at St. Louis on the Indian Department, for money due from the Shawnee Indians to sundry individuals.

By Mr. Robert W. Johnson: The petition of John L. McCoy and others, a delegation representing that portion of the Cherokees known as the "old settlers," praying for relief in relation to certain transactions with the government of the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of the Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying that the military reservation on the east side of the Mississippi river, opposite Fort Snelling, be raised, and the right of pre-emption granted to the former settlers thereon.

By Mr. White: The petition of James S. Abeel, military storekeeper at Rouse arsenal, in the State of New York, praying for increase of compensation to military storekeepers;

Also, the petition of S. Lansing, military storekeeper at Watervliet, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Charles E. Stuart: The petition of citizens of Calhoun county, in the State of Michigan, praying that no further extension be given to the heirs of Jethro Wood of a patent for Wood's cast-iron plough.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: Two petitions of similar import with the foregoing from citizens of Erie county, in the State of New York.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of William and Richard Reeder, heretofore presented March 16, 1840.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: Additional evidence in the case of James Sloan's claim.

By Mr. Willard P. Hall: The petition of M. M. Maxson, of Gallatin, in the State of Missouri, praying additional compensation for his services as a surgeon in the United States army during the Florida war.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The petition of George S. Claflin, of Mendon, in the State of New York, praying to be remunerated for his services, and on account of loss of health from hardships and exposure whilst a prisoner at Halifax during the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Jamieson: The petition of William H. Russell, late marshal of the district of the State of Missouri, praying for the payment of certain moneys disbursed by him, and which the officers of the Treasury Department refuses to allow.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Pillsbury: The memorial of Maurice K. Simons, praying for a pension on account of the loss of a leg in the service of the United States in the Mexican war: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Preston: The petition of Valentine Miller, of Monroe county, in the State of Virginia—heretofore presented January 11, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of Job Chase, and other citizens of Barnstable county, in the State of Massachusetts—heretofore presented March 30, 1840.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of a committee of the town of Chelsea, in the State of Massachusetts, in behalf of said town, praying for the removal of the United States marine hospital of that place to some other location.

By Mr. Kellogg: The petition of citizens of Washington county, in the State of New York, praying that Whitehall, in said county, be made a port of entry.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Wiley: The petition of citizens of Elliottsville, in the State of Maine, praying Congress to inquire into the expediency of appropriating the public lands to the extinction of slavery in the United States.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of citizens of Akron, in the State of Ohio, praying for a grant of one hundred and sixty acres of the public land to each of the heads of one hundred families or more, for the purpose of forming a settlement by themselves.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The petition of citizens of Union county, in the State of Illinois, praying for a grant of twenty thousand acres of land to establish a seminary at Western Saratoga, in said county.

By Mr. Pettit: Sundry petitions of citizens of the Great Miami national reservation, in the State of Indiana, praying for a further postponement of the sales of the land of said reservation.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Crozier, by leave, offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War report to this House the amount of money that has been collected at the different ports in Mexico in consequence of the order from the War Department, issued in March last; and, also, what sums have been collected in the interior under any orders issuing from any military commander; and that he cause a tabular statement to be made of the manner in which the same has been disbursed, similar to that required by the acts of the 21st of April, 1808, and March 3, 1809, of appropriations which have been made by law.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Crozier moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of considering the resolution forthwith;

And the question being put, "Shall the rules be suspended for the purpose aforesaid?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, } Yeas..... 110 } Nays..... 64

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle

Mr. Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Andrew Johnson
John W. Jones
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
James McDowell
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
David Outlaw

Mr. John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
Hugh White
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Rudolphus Dickinson

Mr. James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère

Mr. William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Lucius B. Peck
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart

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| Mr. Robert Smith | Mr. Jacob Thompson | Mr. Benjamin B. Thurston |
| Charles E. Stuart | Robert A. Thompson | Abraham W. Venable |
| James H. Thomas | William Thompson | William W. Wick. |
| James Thompson | | |

The rules not being suspended, the said resolution was laid upon the table one day, under the rule.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill of the Senate (No. 1) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones," and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Under the 114th rule, Mr. Kellogg handed to the Clerk a notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill declaring Whitehall, in the State of New York, a port of entry.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, which was read, as follows:

*To the House of Representatives:*

I transmit, herewith, reports from the Secretary of State and the Secretary of War, with the accompanying documents, in compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 7th February, 1848, requesting the President to communicate to that House "copies of all correspondence between the Secretary of War and Major General Scott, and between the Secretary of War and Major General Taylor, and between Major General Scott and N. P. Trist, late commissioner of the United States to Mexico, and between the latter and Secretary of State, which has not heretofore been published, and the publication of which may not be incompatible with the public interest."

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *March* 10, 1848.

*Ordered*, That the said message be laid upon the table, and printed.

On motion of Mr. Henley,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to inquire into the expediency of printing an extra number of copies of the said message.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Julius Rockwell reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 136) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending 30th June, 1849, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. McKay moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to move that the daily hour for the meeting of the House, from and after this day, shall be 11 o'clock, a. m.; pending which,

On motion of Mr. Pollock, the House, at 3 o'clock and fifteen minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, March 21, 1848.

Under the 114th rule of the House, Mr. Alexander Evans gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to authorize the trustees of Newark college, in the State of Delaware, to import certain philosophical apparatus free of duty; and

Mr. Leffler gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to amend an act entitled "An act for laying off the towns of Fort Madison and Burlington, in the county of Des Moines, and the towns of Belleview, Dubuque, and Peru, in the county of Dubuque, Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes," approved July 2, 1836.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Root: The memorial of citizens of Lorain county, in the State of Ohio, remonstrating against a renewal of a patent to the heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased, for Wood's cast iron plough: which was laid upon the table.

Also, eleven memorials of like import with the foregoing from citizens of Medina county, in the State of Ohio: which were laid upon the table.

By Mr. Gregory: A petition of similar import with the foregoing from citizens and farmers of Essex county, in the State of New Jersey: which was laid upon the table.

By Mr. Winthrop: The petition of citizens of Medina county, in the State of Ohio, of similar import with the foregoing: which was laid upon the table.

By Mr. Truman Smith: The petition of John Goulding, of the State of New Jersey, praying for a renewal of letters patent to him for certain improvements in machinery for manufacturing wool and other fibrous substances.

By Mr. Kellogg: The petition of A. McAllister, of Salem, in Washington county, and State of New York, praying for the passage of an act granting to him the renewal of a patent for "warming, heating, and ventilating rooms and apartments of houses."

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Richards: The petition of citizens of Highland county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Mount Sterling, in Brown county, to New Liberty, in Highland county.

By Mr. Green: The petition of citizens of Cooper county, in the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Round Hill to Arator, in said county.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of Will county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Juliett, in said State, to Lafayette, in the State of Indiana.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Grant county, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Beetown to Potosi, in said county.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of Richard Fitzpatrick—heretofore presented March 2, 1846.

By Mr. Leffler: The petition of S. B. Olmstead, of Clayton county, in the State of Iowa, praying payment for a horse lost at Fort Linton, while engaged in the service of the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, praying that the public land be laid out into farms for the free use of such citizens as will occupy them, not possessed of other lands.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The petition of citizens of Rochester, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of citizens of Barry county, in the State of Missouri, praying to be permitted to select and locate other land in lieu of the 16th section of township 22, range 28, which is valueless.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Green Bay land district, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for a division of said land district.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Chase: The petition of James M. Lewis—heretofore presented April 25, 1846.

By Mr. Clapp: The petition of Miles Divine, of Portland, in the State of Maine, praying for a pension on account of disabilities incurred in the service of the United States at Fort Preble.

By Mr. French: The petition of Martha Flood, of Buckingham county, in the State of Virginia, praying for a pension on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred by her late husband, William Flood, deceased, during the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Winthrop: The petition of Lewis C. F. Fatio, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying Congress to investigate the cause and manner of his being dismissed from the service of the United States in the revenue marine: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Tweedy: The proceedings and resolutions of a meeting of citizens of St. Croix county, in the Territory of Wisconsin, in relation to the boundary between said Territory and the Territory of Minesota: which was referred to the Committee on the Territories.

By Mr. Leffler: The petition of G. W. Kincaid, of the State of Iowa, praying for the privilege of locating and entering a certain lot of land for money paid into the land office on a pre-emption right, which was entered by another: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Clingman moved that the vote by which the House yesterday

agreed to the motion made by Mr. Henley, instructing the Committee on Printing to inquire into the expediency of printing an extra number of copies of the message of the President of the United States, embracing the correspondence between the Secretary of War and Generals Scott and Taylor and N. P. Trist, be reconsidered.

And, after debate,

On motion of Mr. Inge, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, m.

## WEDNESDAY, March 22, 1848.

Mr. Willard P. Hall, by leave, presented a memorial of citizens of Sullivan and other counties adjacent thereto, in the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a new land district in the northern part of said State: which memorial was referred to the select committee upon that subject, appointed on the 17th instant.

Mr. T. Butler King, by leave, presented a memorial of John Jay, and, also, the memorial of William C. Bryant and others, all of the city of New York, praying for the passage of an international copyright law: which memorials were ordered to be referred to a select committee.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Hilliard obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 352) to change the place of holding the district court of the United States for the middle district of Alabama, and for other purposes: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb, by leave, presented memorials of the Legislature of the State of Alabama, as follows:

A memorial praying the payment of a claim due said State from the general government for expenses incurred in the last Creek Indian war: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial in favor of the extension of the right of pre-emption for two years to the settlers upon the Cherokee purchase.

A memorial in favor of granting alternate sections of the public land to aid in the construction of a railroad from the southern part of the State of Alabama to the interior of the west: which memorial was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A memorial in favor of a donation of all the unsold lands in the State, for the purposes of education: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A memorial for the passage of an act directing the proceeds that may arise from the sale of certain lands in the State of Alabama may be applied to the valueless 16th sections for the use of schools instead of internal improvements, as is now provided: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A memorial for the passage of an act authorizing the State of Alabama to lease out the public works at the Muscle shoals, on the Tennessee river: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

A memorial for the passage of an act providing for the reversion of deceased soldiers' bounty lands and pay for services in the Mexican war to widows and children: which was referred to the select committee on so much of the President's annual message as relates to the subject.

*Ordered*, That the said memorials be printed.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Alexander Evans obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 352) to authorize the trustees of Newark college, in the State of Delaware, to import certain philosophical apparatus free from duty: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Beverly L. Clark, by leave, presented a preamble and resolution of the Legislature of the State of Kentucky, relative to Mr. Asa Whitney's plan for a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Also, a resolution concerning the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tompkins, by leave, presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi for the passage of a law authorizing the appropriation of the two per cent. fund to the construction of a railroad from Jackson, in said State, eastwardly: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the commitee did yesterday present to the President of the United States a bill of the Senate (No. 1) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones."

Mr. Haralson, by leave, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a joint resolution (No. 21) relative to the evidence which shall be considered satisfactory in applications for bounty land: which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The said resolution being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Machen, their chief clerk:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 135) to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1848, with amendments.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the said bill and amendments be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House resumed the consideration of the motion made yesterday, by Mr. Clingman, and pending when the House adjourned, to reconsider the vote by which the House, on Monday last, instructed the Committee on Printing to inquire into the expediency of printing an extra number of copies of the message of the Presi-

dent of the United States, embracing the correspondence between the Secretary of War and Generals Scott and Taylor, and N. P. Trist;

And, after debate,

Mr. Vinton moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a resolution respecting contracts for hemp for the use of the American navy: in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Julius Rockwell reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 136) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1849, had come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Brodhead: The petition of citizens of Luzerne and Monroe counties, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Providence, in Luzerne county, to Stroudsburg, in Monroe county.

By Mr. Jacob Thompson: The petition of N. H. Stockton, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Salem to Fingers's cross roads, in Tippah county, in the State of Mississippi.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of Horner, in the State of Illinois, praying for a reduction of postage on newspapers and juvenile publications of small size.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Lahm: The petition of citizens of Stark county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the passage of a law providing that all expenses hereafter incurred in prosecuting the war with Mexico be raised by direct taxation on the American people: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. McLane: The petition of Charles H. Marshall and others, of the city and State of New York, praying for the passage of an act authorizing a contract to be made with them to carry the public mails in steam vessels between the ports of New York and Havre: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Gott: The affidavits of George W. Wood, M. Finch, Stephen D. Freer, Noadiah Moore, and James H. Rogers, in relation to renewing a patent to the heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased, for Wood's cast iron plough: which were laid on the table.

By Mr. French: The petition of William Pelfrey, of Morgan

county, in the State of Kentucky, praying for a pension, on account of his services in the war of the revolution.

By Mr. McLane: The petition of Richard Pattison, of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying for the passage of an act authorizing the issue of a land warrant for one hundred acres of land, in consideration of the loss of one issued to Thomas Pattison, deceased, for revolutionary services.

By Mr. Williams: The petition of Mary Buck, of Bucksport, in the State of Maine, praying for a pension, on account of the services of her late husband, Captain Ebenezer Buck, deceased, during the war of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of John G. Gamble—heretofore presented April 30, 1846: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. McIlvaine: Sundry petitions of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying Congress to take measures for effecting such change in the Constitution and laws as shall abolish slavery throughout the Union, in the manner that may be most consistent with justice and the rights of every part of the country;

Also, the petition of inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, praying that, in consequence of the manifold evils brought upon the country by the institution of slavery, a plan be adopted for the immediate dissolution of the Union.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Chapman: Two memorials of citizens of Washington, in the District of Columbia, remonstrating against the passage of the bill authorizing attachments on mesne process;

Also, the petition of the corporation authorities of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying for the enacting into law certain amendments to the charter of said city.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

And then, on motion of Mr. Haralson, the House, at 3 o'clock and fifteen minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1848.

Mr. Featherston, by leave, presented a memorial and resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, in relation to stage routes in said State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed;

Also, a memorial and resolutions of said State, praying the cession of certain public lands, for the improvement of the navigation of Big Black river: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hugh White, by leave, offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House ascertain the usual amount of the expenses of burial of a deceased member of this

House at the Congressional burying ground, near this city; and such amount, when ascertained, the Clerk shall report to the Committee on Accounts, who shall examine the same; and, if approved by said committee, the Clerk shall thereupon pay the amount so reported by said committee to Mrs. J. M. Holley, widow of the late honorable John M. Holley, deceased, late a member of this House from the State of New York: and that the Speaker pay to the said Mrs. Holley the balance of the daily pay and mileage due her late husband on the day of his death, to wit, on the 8th of March, 1848.

The said resolution was read; when

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that it be referred to the Committee on Accounts: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Hunt, by leave, from the Committee on Commerce, reported amendments to the bill (No. 201) to establish the territorial government of Oregon: which were committed to the Committee of the Whole House, and ordered to be printed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed joint resolution of the House No. 21, relative to the evidence which shall be considered satisfactory in applications for bounty land.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Kennon, from the Committee on Accounts, to which was referred, on the 8th of February last, the resolution directing the Clerk of the House to "ascertain the usual amount of the expense of burial of a deceased member of this House at the congressional burying ground," with reference to compensating the widow of the late John W. Hornbeck for expenses attending the funeral of her late husband, a member of this House from the State of Pennsylvania, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That there be allowed, out of the contingent fund of the House, to the widow of the Hon. John W. Hornbeck, late a member of the House of Representatives of the United States from the State of Pennsylvania, the sum of one hundred and thirty-eight dollars, the balance of pay and mileage as a member of this House up to the 16th day of January, A. D. 1848.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. McKay moved that it be laid upon the table; which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Rumsey moved to amend the said resolution by adding at the end thereof the following: "and the further sum of five hundred dollars, the usual expense of the burial of a member in Washington city."

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 73 / Nays ..... 88 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Samuel A. Bridges | Mr. Chester Butler |
| John M. Botts | Richard Brodhead | Richard S. Canby |
| Jasper E. Brady | Aylett Buckner | John G. Chapman |

Mr. Franklin Clark
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Charles Hudson

Mr. Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
David S. Jackson
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock

Mr. Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Richard L. T. Beale
John Blanchard
James B. Bowlin
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell

Mr. Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Lucius B. Peck

Mr. George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Brodhead moved to amend the said resolution by adding at the end thereof the following: "and the further sum of four hundred dollars, the usual expense of the burial of a member in Washington city."

Mr. Venable moved to recommit the said resolution to the Committee on Accounts, "with instructions to ascertain the actual amount of the late John W. Hornbeck's funeral expenses."

And, after debate,

Mr. Hudson moved the previous question; which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the motion made by Mr. Brodhead? (the motion to recommit being set aside by the previous question.)

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 73 / Nays ..... 85

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Jasper E. Brady
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Harmon S. Conger
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Mr. Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
John W. Houston
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
David S. Jackson
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Mr. John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Richard L. T. Beale
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
Daniel Gott
Mr. James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Mr. Lucius B. Peck
John S. Phelps
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the said amendment was not agreed to.

And the question was then put, Will the House agree to the said resolution as reported from the Committee on Accounts.

And decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Vinton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 159) entitled "An act to remit the duties on books, maps, and charts imported for the use of the library of Congress, reported the same with an amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; when the said amendment was read and agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The amendment being engrossed, the bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment.

Mr. Vinton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which were referred the bill (H. R. No. 135) entitled "An act to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1848, with the amendments of the Senate thereto, reported that the committee had agreed to some of the said amendments, with amendments thereto, agreed to some without amendment, and disagreed to others.

*Ordered*, That the said bill and amendments be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Stephens reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 135) entitled "An act to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1848," with the amendments of the Senate thereto, had agreed to some of the said amendments without amendment, agreed to some of the said amendments with amendments, and disagreed to others.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments: when

Mr. Vinton moved to amend the 5th amendment, by inserting before the word *Auditor*, the words "and *Third*," which was agreed to.

The question recurred on the said amendments as amended.

And, after debate,

Mr. Pollock moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and the 3d, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th of the said amendments were agreed to by the House.

The 1st and 2d of the said amendments were disagreed to by the House; and

The 4th and 5th of the said amendments were agreed to with amendments thereto.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate with the action of the House on the said amendments, and request their concurrence in the amendments of the House to the said amendments of the Senate.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The memorial of John McCrea and Harvey Wakefield—heretofore presented January 16, 1837: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Andrew Johnson: The petition of Joseph M. Rhea, of Blountville, in the State of Tennessee, praying for a pension on account of disabilities incurred by him by hardships and exposure in the service of the United States during the late war with England.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of Nathaniel Landsdown, praying for a pension on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Morse: The petition of citizens of Alexandria, in the State of Louisiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Alexandria to Mount Lebanon, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying for a modification of the pre-emption laws extending the time of payment to the pre-emptor: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Iverson: The memorial of the heirs of Moses Mathews, deceased, praying indemnity for property destroyed by the enemy during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: Joint resolutions of the State of New York, remonstrating against the renewal of the patent to the heirs of the late Jethro Wood, deceased, for Wood's cast iron plough.

By Mr. White: The memorial of citizens of the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing resolutions.

*Ordered*, That said resolutions and petition be laid on the table.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at thirty-five mintues past 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## FRIDAY, March 24, 1848.

M. Albert G. Brown, by leave, presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, praying permission to relinquish certain 16th sections of land, and to locate others in lieu thereof, for the use of schools: which memorial was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Albert G. Brown, by leave, presented a resolution of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, relative to the condition of the second Mississippi rifles and the Mississippi regiment battalion in New Orleans: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jacob Thompson, by leave, presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, against the importation of

adulterated medicines and chemicals: which were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jacob Thompson, by leave, presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, praying a change in the system of transporting the mail: which memorial was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled joint resolution (No. 21) relative to the evidence which shall be considered satisfactory in applications for bounty land, and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bowlin reported that the committee had had under consideration sundry private bills, and had directed him to report bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, viz:

No. 125. A bill for the relief of Zilpha White;

No. 128. A bill for the relief of Thomas Badger;

No. 129. A bill for the relief of Archibald Bull and Lemuel S. Finch;

No. 130. A bill for the relief of B. O. Tayloe;

No. 131. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of David Gardner, of Southboro', Massachusetts;

No. 132. A bill for the relief of Medford Caffey;

No. 160. A bill for the relief of G. De Lirac;

No. 162. A bill for the relief of Charles Waldron;

No. 166. A bill for the relief of Colonel Robert Wallace, aid-de-camp to General William Hull;

No. 172. A bill for the relief of Elijah H. Willis;

No. 183. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of William McKenzie, late a seaman on board the United States ship Vincennes;

No. 187. A bill for the relief of James B. Davenport;

No. 188. A bill for the relief of Frederick Durrive;

No. 189. A bill for the relief of Elisha Thomason;

No. 190. A bill for the relief of James P. Sexton;

No. 191. A bill to confirm Elizabeth Burriss, her heirs or assigns, in their title to a tract of land;

No. 192. A bill for the relief of the heirs and widow of François Gramilion;

No. 193. A bill for the relief of William Triplet;

No. 194. A bill for the relief of Simon Rodrigues;

No. 195. A bill for the relief of Marcus Fulton Johnson;

No. 196. A bill supplemental to the act approved the 6th day of July, 1842, entitled "An act confirming certain land claims in Louisiana;"

No. 198. A bill for the relief of Joseph Bryan;

No. 203. A bill for the relief of Jonathan Fitzwater;

No. 204. A bill for the relief of Sarah Hildreth;
No. 205. A bill for the relief of William Pool;
No. 206. A bill for the relief of Aaron Tucker;
No. 207. A bill for the relief of Samuel Cony;
No. 208. A bill for the relief the heirs of William Evans;
No. 209. A bill for the relief of William P. Brady;
No. 14. A joint resolution concerning the settlement of the accounts of William Speiden, purser in the navy of the United States;
No. 212. A bill for the relief of William S. Holland;
No. 237. A bill for the relief of John Morgan;
No. 239. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of James Porterfield, deceased;
No. 245. A bill for the relief of Gideon Walker;
No. 246. A bill for the relief of Dr. A. G. Henry, of Illinois;
No. 247. A bill for the relief of John B. Rodgers, of South Carolina;
and the bill from the Senate (No. 63) entitled "An act in addition to an act for the relief of Walter Loomis and Abel Gay, approved July second, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six," *severally, without amendment;* and bill of the House No. 210, for the relief of Hervey Jones, and the bill from the Senate (No. 85) entitled "An act to provide for the compensation of Samuel Leech, for services in the investigation of suspended sales in the Mineral Point district, Wisconsin," *severally, with an amendment to each.*

Mr. Jacob Thompson moved, at 2 o'clock and eighteen minutes, that the House adjourn: which motion was not agreed to.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 25) providing for the payment of arrearages of pension to Anthony Walton Bayard, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the 10th instant with an amendment.

The said amendment was read, and, on motion of Mr. Pollock, amended and agreed to, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill being engrossed, was accordingly read a third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the aforementioned bills, (numbered 125, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 160, 162, 166, 172, 183, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 198, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 212, 237, 239, 245, 246, 247,) and the joint resolution (No. 14) reported this day from the Committee of the Whole House without amendment; when the said bills and resolution were severally ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bills and joint resolution being engrossed, were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

The amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the said bill No. 210, was read and agreed to, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said several bills and resolution.

The amendment reported this day from the Committee of the Whole House to the Senate bill No. 85 was read and agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed, and the bill ordered to be read a third time.

The amendment being engrossed, the bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment.

The bill from the Senate (No. 63) reported this day from the Committee of the Whole House without amendment was ordered to be read a third time; and

The bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Peck: The petitions of the legal representatives of Abigail Hamilton, deceased, late widow of Nathan Hamilton, late a soldier of the revolution, also deceased, praying for the arrearage of pension to which the said Abigail Hamilton was entitled under the provisions of the acts of Congress passed 7th June, 1832, and 4th July, 1836.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The petition of Maria A. Richard, widow of Joseph Richard, deceased, and daughter of Gabriel Giard and Maria Margarite, his wife, praying that the children of the said deceased be allowed the pension the late widow of the said Giard was entitled to on account of the services of her late husband in the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Clapp: The petition of Anna Leach, of the State of Maine, praying Congress to pass an act granting pensions to widows of revolutionary soldiers who were married prior to the 13th of March, 1848.

By Mr. Peck: The petition of Caty Burnham, the only surviving child of Phineas Annis, deceased, and Hannah, late his wife and widow, also deceased, praying to be allowed the pension due her late mother according to the provisions of the act of 4th July, 1836, granting pensions to certain widows of revolutionary soldiers.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. French: the petition of Philip Miller, of Lawrence county, in the State of Kentucky, praying for a pension on account of wounds received in the service of the United States during the Indian war of 1792.

By Mr. Collins: The petition of Eliphas C. Brown, of Canton, in the State of New York, praying for a pension on account of disease and disabilities contracted and incurred in the service of the United States during the late Florida war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Winthrop: The petition of Thomas Oselfridge, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, a commander in the United States navy, praying to be allowed pay as a captain from June, 1837, to July, 1839, while performing the duties of commanding officer on board the "North Carolina," under an appointment from Commodore Henry E. Biddle.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The petition of Horatio N. Crabb, late first lieutenant in the United States marine corps, praying for allowances withheld by the accounting officers of the treasury under their construction of the act of June 30, 1834, entitled "An act for the better organization of the United States marine corps."

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of Evander M. Soper and other heirs-at-law of Enos Soper, deceased, of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying compensation, in land, for services and expenditures of said deceased in raising a volunteer company as first lieutenant during the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of the heirs of John Whitsitt, deceased—heretofore presented February 5, 1846.

By Mr. Nelson: Two petitions of citizens of Rockland county, in the State of New York, praying that the public lands may be laid out into lots and farms for the free use of such citizens as will occupy them, not possessed of other lands.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Peyton: The petition of citizens of Lewisport, in the State of Kentucky, praying for an appropriation to improve the navigation of the Ohio river at Cumberland.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of merchants of Nantucket, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for an appropriation to erect a breakwater at Great point, on the island of Nantucket.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Morse: The petition of citizens of Sabine parish, in the State of Louisiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Manny to Burr's ferry, in said parish.

By Mr. Strong: The memorial of citizens of Berks county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for a change in mail route No. 1,459, from Reading to Sunnytown.

By Mr. Schenck: The petition of citizens of Montgomery and Miami counties, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Union, in Montgomery county, to Hyattsville, in Miami county.

By Mr. Strohm: The petition of citizens of Lancaster county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from the Gap to Ephrate, in said county.

By Mr. Palfrey: The petition of Josiah Quincy and two thousand

others, citizens of the State of Massachusetts, praying for the passage of a law establishing a uniform rate of postage, not to exceed one cent on newspapers and two cents on each pre-paid letter of half an ounce for any distance.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of Du Page, in the State of Illinois, praying for a reduction of postage on juvenile publications of small size and all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The joint resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York, remonstrating against the renewal of a patent to the heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased, for Wood's cast iron plough.

By Mr. Nelson: The joint resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York, of like import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Cummins: The memorial of citizens of Tuscarawas county, in the State of Ohio, of similar import with the foregoing resolutions;

Also, four petitions of similar import with the foregoing, from citizens of Holmes county, in the State of Ohio.

By Mr. Winthrop: Two petitions of like import with the foregoing, from citizens of Medina county, in the State of Ohio.

*Ordered*, That said resolutions, petitions, and memorials, be laid on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Machen, their Chief Clerk:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the amendment of the House to the bill of the Senate (No. 159) entitled "An act to remit the duties on books, maps, and charts, imported for the use of the library of Congress."

They have receded from their amendments, disagreed to by the House, to the bill (No. 135) to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1848, and have agreed to the amendments of the House to the Senate's amendments.

And then he withdrew.

A message from the President of the United States, heretofore received, was read, and is as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I transmit herewith a report from the Secretary of State, with the accompanying documents, in compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 8th instant, calling for "any correspondence which may have recently taken place with the British government relative to the adoption of principles of reciprocity in the trade and shipping of the two countries."

JAMES K. POLK.

*Ordered*, That the said message be laid upon the table, and printed.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a report from the Commissioner of Pensions, with the statement required by the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 17th of February, 1847, showing the names of the several pensioners placed on the pension roll since the 12th of October, 1835: which letter, report, and statement, were referred to the Committee on Printing, with a view to the printing of the same.

II. A letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, in relation to Senate documents of the second session 28th Congress, and the Senate documents and Journal of the first session 29th Congress, belonging to the library of the House of Representatives: which letter was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Donnell moved that when the House adjourns to-day, it adjourn to meet on Monday next: which motion was disagreed to.

The Speaker announced, as the business first in order, the calling of the committees for reports.

And then, on motion of Mr. Birdsall, the House, at 3 o'clock and thirty-eight minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## SATURDAY, March 25, 1848.

Under the 114th rule of the House, Mr. La Sère handed to the Clerk a notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill for the relief of the assignees under the Baron De Fariet.

Mr. John L. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday present to the President of the United States a joint resolution (No. 21) relative to the evidence which shall be considered satisfactory in applications for bounty land.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Gayle reported that the committee had directed him to report the bills (No. 29) for the relief of Captain Henry M. Shreve and (No. 32) for the relief of David Myerle, severally without amendment; and a recommendation that the said bill (No. 29) do not pass.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the first of said bills, (No. 29,) that being first in order; and the question was stated on ordering it to be engrossed.

Mr. Daniel moved that it be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the last of the said bills, (No. 32,) and the question was stated on ordering it to be engrossed: when

Mr. Daniel moved to amend the same by striking out the word "*twenty*," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "*ten*:" which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Daniel moved that the said bill be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 52 / Nays ..... 93

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
James B. Bowlin
Samuel A. Bridges
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Harmon S. Conger
John R. J. Daniel
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Joshua R. Giddings
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Mr. Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
James J. McKay
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Mr. Harvey Putnam
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Augustine H. Shepperd
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
Charles W. Cathcart
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Mr. Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton.
John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Mr. John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Caleb B. Smith
Alexander H. Stephens.
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Robert A. Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

The said bill was then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Mullin, from the Committee on Elections, to which was referred the memorial of James Monroe, contesting the election of David S. Jackson as a representative in Congress from the 6th congressional district of the State of New York, made a report thereon, accompanied by the following resolutions, viz:

*Resolved*, That David S. Jackson is not entitled to his seat in this House as a representative from the 6th congressional district of the State of New York.

*Resolved*, That James Monroe is entitled to the seat now occupied in this House by David S. Jackson as a representative from the 6th congressional district of the State of New York.

Mr. Jenkins, from the same committee, reported the views of the minority of said committee on elections upon the said memorial, accompanied by the following resolutions, viz:

*Resolved*, That David S. Jackson is entitled to his seat upon this floor.

*Resolved*, That James Monroe is not entitled to a seat upon this floor.

*Ordered*, That the said reports and resolutions be printed.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Henry: The memorial of the trustees of the Norwich University, in the State of Vermont, praying that the Secretary of State be authorized and directed to furnish said institution a copy of the American State Papers and the Documentary History or American Archives: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The memorial of Hope S. Newbold, widow, and Martha C. Laurie, daughter of Charles Newbold, deceased, of the city and State of New York, praying compensation for money and time expended by the said Newbold in inventing and improving the cast iron plough, and in endeavoring to bring it into use: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of the representatives of the Society of Friends in the States of New York, Vermont, and Michigan, praying for a termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Dunn: The petition of citizens of Green county, in the State of Indiana, in behalf of Robert Ellis—heretofore presented February 10, 1847: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Strohm: The additional papers in the case of Benjamin Reifsnider: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Henry: The memorial of citizens of Chittenden, in the State of Vermont, praying that the public lands be laid out into farms for the free use of such citizens, not possessing other lands, as will occupy them: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. James Thompson: The memorial of citizens of Venango county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Emlinton to the junction of the Alleghany

river and Tionesta creek: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against renewing a patent to the heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased, for Wood's cast iron plough.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of citizens of Trumbull county, in the State of Ohio, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be laid on the table.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 2 o'clock and thirty-eight minutes, adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1848.

By unanimous consent, the Speaker laid before the House the following resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts, viz:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN SENATE, *March* 15, 1848.

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Massachusetts tender to the House of Representatives of the United States the thanks of the government and people of the Commonwealth, for the signal honor thus done to the memory of their illustrious fellow-citizen.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the government and people of Massachusetts be presented to the members of the committee of the United States House of Representatives, for the kind, courteous, and respectful manner in which they discharged the melancholy duty of their office.

*Resolved*, That, in order that this public mark of respect to our Commonwealth and her illustrious son may always be had in remembrance, this report be placed on the journals of the two branches of the Legislature.

*Resolved*, That, as a memorial of our grateful sense of the honor paid to Massachusetts by the United States House of Representatives, his excellency the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of this report to the Speaker of that honorable body, and also a copy to each of the members of its committee.

By direction of the joint committee:

JOSEPH T. BUCKINGHAM, *Chairman*.

SENATE, *March* 15, 1848.

Accepted, and the resolves passed.

CHARLES CALHOUN, *Clerk*.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *March* 15, 1848.

Accepted and passed, in concurrence.

C. W. STORY, *Clerk*.

*Ordered*, That the said resolutions be laid upon the table, and printed.

Mr. Haralson moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to move that the joint resolution (No. 15) to refund money for expenses incurred, subsistence or transportation furnished, and money advanced, by individual citizens of the United States, for the use of the volunteers, before or after being mustered into the service of the United States, be made the special order of the day for Wednesday next: which motion was agreed to, two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Haralson accordingly submitted his said motion; which was considered and agreed to.

Mr. Boyd moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of reading a first and second time, and referring the bill from the Senate (No. 26) entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force."

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 89 / Nays ..... 87

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
George G. Dunn
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson

Mr. Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
David S. Jackson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Lucius B. Peck

Mr. George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler

Mr. E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston

Mr. John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
John W. Farrelly

Mr. David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Mr. Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Mr. Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (No. 135) entitled "An act to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight," and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

The House resumed the consideration of the motion made by Mr. McKay on Monday last, and pending when the House adjourned on that day, that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to move that from and after this day the daily hour for the meeting of the House shall be 11 o'clock, a. m.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 100 / Nays..... 76

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Mr. Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Nathan K. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
David S. Jackson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
Mr. John W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton

Mr. John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
Harvey Putnam
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Mr. Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Mr. Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Henry Bedinger
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John P. Gaines
William L. Goggin
Dudley S. Gregory
Mr. Joseph Grinnell
James G. Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
Mr. John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John B. Thompson
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell, (by leave,)

*Resolved*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill (No. 292) to provide for the ventilation of passenger vessels, and for other purposes, and that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Vinton the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Julius Rockwell reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 136) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1849, had directed him to report the same to the House with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, the question being on agreeing to the said amendments, which was stated; when

Mr. Phelps moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the said amend-

ments were agreed to; and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

The title to the said bill was read, and, on motion of Mr. McKay, amended, by adding thereto the words "and for other purposes;" and as amended was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did, on the 24th instant, approve and sign a joint resolution (No. 21) relative to the evidence which shall be considered satisfactory in applications for bounty land.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States a bill (No. 135) entitled "An act to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight."

Mr. Peck, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 63. An act in addition to an act for the relief of Walter Loomis and Abel Gay, approved July 2, 1836;

S. No. 159. An act to remit the duties on books, maps, and charts, imported for the use of the library of Congress;

and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

On motion of Mr. Gaines, by leave,

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the expediency of extending the provisions of the act of Congress for the benefit of the surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army, passed on the 7th June, 1832, so as to embrace those who were engaged in the wars of the United States which occurred between the treaty of peace with Great Britain, in 1783, and the treaty of Greenville with the Indians, in 1795; and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Wentworth, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the time for payment for lands claimed under any of the pre-emption laws for three years.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Chapman: The memorial of the German Catholic St. Joseph's Benevolent Society, of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying for a charter, or an act of incorporation for said institution.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of citizens of Oldtown, in the State of Maine, praying that a committee be appointed to investigate and report whether, to what extent, and by what laws, the slave trade exists in the District of Columbia.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The memorial of William and David Chappel, Alpheus Mansfield, John W. Taylor, and Jesse Baker, who were Canadian volunteers in the late war with Great Britain, praying for bounty land—heretofore presented June 30, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The memorial of James Schott, Frederick Dawson, and Elisha Dana Whitney, praying payment for certain vessels furnished Texas, and given up by Texas to the United States on the annexation of Texas: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Giddings: The memorial of citizens of Trumbull county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the passage of a law emancipating Eliza Herbert, and Caroline, her daughter, who were sold to satisfy a judgment in favor of the United States: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of merchants and masters of vessels, of Alexandria, in the State of Virginia, praying for the erection of a light-house at Blackstone's island, and a buoy at Bozier's bluff, near Alexandria;

Also, the petition of masters of vessels of Lubec, in the State of Maine—heretofore presented March 20, 1846.

By Mr. Franklin Clark: The petition of citizens of Kennebeck, in the State of Maine, praying for the erection of a fog-bell on Pond island, at the mouth of Kennebeck river.

By Mr. Tuck: The petition of Edward Chase, of Lockport, in the State of New York, praying that, in consequence of James K. Polk having collected duties on articles exported from the United States to Mexico, an investigation may be made of the subject; and if the said President of the United States be found guilty of a violation of the Constitution, then that he be impeached.

By Mr. Peyton: The petition of citizens of Cloverport, in the State of Kentucky, praying for an appropriation to repair the dam at the head of Cumberland island, across a portion of the Ohio river.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Tuck: The petition of citizens of the State of Indiana, praying Congress to withhold further supplies for prosecuting the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Charles E. Stuart: The petition of citizens of Calhoun county, in the State of Michigan, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Battle creek to Schoolcraft, in the county of Kalamazoo.

By Mr. Leffler: The petition of citizens of Iowa City, in the State of Iowa, praying for the establishment of a post route from Iowa City to Fairfield, in Jefferson county, in said State.

By Mr. Morse: The petition of citizens of Sabine parish, in the

State of Louisiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Manny, in said parish, to Burr's ferry.

By Mr. Roman: The petition of citizens of Washington county, in the State of Maryland, praying for the repeal of the provisions in the act of March 3, 1847, requiring postage to be paid on all newspapers circulating in the mail within thirty miles of the office of publication.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Andrew Stewart: The petition of citizens of Westmoreland county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that, in consideration of the sufferings and gallant services so honorably rendered their country by the citizen soldiers of the Pennsylvania regiment of volunteers, now serving in the city of Mexico, in General Scott's division of the United States army, be honorably discharged.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the United States troops in Mexico be withdrawn, and measures taken to establish peace, on principles of justice, with said republic.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of Sarah Anderson, widow of Elbert Anderson, late an army contractor, deceased, praying indemnity, on account of losses sustained by the non-fulfilment of certain contracts made with the War Department for the supply and issue of provisions to the army of the United States during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Tuck: The petition of citizens of Steuben county, in the State of New York, praying Congress to pass an act emancipating Eliza Herbert, and Caroline, her daughter, who were sold to satisfy a judgment in favor of the United States, and the money be refunded to the purchaser;

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of Massachusetts, praying Congress to inquire into the constitutionality of slavery in the United States, and report fully their opinions upon the subject, for the information of the people.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Miller: The petition of citizens of Jefferson county, in the State of New York, praying that the public lands be laid out into farms for the free use of such citizens, not possessed of other land, as will occupy them.

By Mr. Hunt: The petition of citizens of Orleans county, in the State of New York, of similar with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Wick: The petition of citizens of Brown county, in the State of Indiana, praying that a pension may be granted to William Tucker, of said county, on account of his services during the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The petition of Rhoda Drury, of Clinton county, in the State of New York, widow of Luther Drury, deceased, praying for a pension on account of the services of her late husband during the revolutionary war;

Also, the petition of the heirs of Joseph Plumb, deceased, late of Bangor, in the State of New York, praying for the payment of the amount of the pension to which the said Joseph Plumb was entitled.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Andrew Stewart: The petition of Joshua Russell, of Green county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for a pension on account of disabilities incurred from exposure and hardships in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The petition of Frederick Perrigo, of Clinton county, in the State of New York, praying for a pension on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Palfrey: The petition of Eben Ritchie Dorr, praying compensation for his services as chargé d'affaires of the United States in Chili: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of citizens of Cleveland, in the State of New York, praying that the land prayed for by Mr. Whitney be granted him for the purpose of commencing a railroad to be constructed from Lake Michigan to the Pacific: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Tuck: The petition of citizens of Keene, in the State of New Hampshire, remonstrating against a renewal of a patent to the heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased, for Wood's cast iron plough.

By Mr. Starkweather: The petition of citizens of Otsego county, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Gott: A petition of David C. Bloomfield, of Erie county, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be laid on the table.

And then, on motion of Mr. Cocke, the House, at 3 o'clock and thirty-six minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, March 28, 1848.

Mr. Cocke moved that the vote by which the House yesterday agreed to a resolution, offered by Mr. Gaines, for the appointment of a select committee to inquire into the expediency of extending the provisions of the act, passed on the 7th of June, 1832, for the benefit of the surviving officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army, so as to embrace those who were engaged in certain subsequent wars, be reconsidered;

And, after debate,

Mr. Duer moved the previous question, which was seconded; and

the main question was ordered and put; and the said vote was reconsidered.

The question recurred on agreeing to the said resolution: when

Mr. Cocke moved that it be laid upon the table; which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Pollock (by leave) presented a memorial of Asa Whitney, praying that sixty miles wide of public lands along the line of his contemplated railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean may be set apart and sold to him, to enable him to construct said railroad: which, with sundry documents relating thereto, were ordered to be referred to a select committee.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did yesterday approve and sign a bill (No. 135) further to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th June, 1848.

Mr. Haskell gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a joint resolution upon the subject of the late successful revolution in France, and the establishment of a republic.

Mr. Alexander Evans (by leave) presented a resolution of the Legislature of the State of Maryland, approving of Mr. Whitney's plan of constructing a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which resolution was ordered to be referred to the select committee this day directed to be appointed upon that subject, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Alexander Evans (by leave) presented a resolution of the same Legislature, in relation to the harbor at Havre De Grace: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Alexander Evans (by leave) presented a resolution of the same Legislature, relative to the erection of the monument ordered by Congress, in 1780, to the memory of Major General Baron De Kalb: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Wentworth, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. T. Butler King reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 201) to establish the territorial government of Oregon, had come to no resolution thereon.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. McKay obtained leave and introduced a joint resolution (No. 22) defining the reports to be annually made to Congress by the heads of the several executive departments, and requiring the same to be prepared immediately after the close of each fiscal year, and forthwith communicated for publication; which was read a first and second time, left on the Speaker's table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, made a report upon the petition of Dr. Adolphus Wizlizenus, accompanied by a bill (No. 354) for his relief: which bill was read a first and

second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 355. A bill for the relief of Charles Ahrenfeldt and John F. H. Vogt;

No. 356. A bill for the relief of Lawrence Daily;

No. 357. A bill for the relief of Isaac Shepard;

No. 358. A bill for the relief of David Shepard;

No. 359. A bill for the relief of A. C. Bryan and others;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the cases of Sylvester Comorn, R. P. Whitney, Richard M. Adams, and William Fitzpatrick: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Albert G. Cooper, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rockwell, from the same committee, reported the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to furnish to this House, at an early day, the information asked for by a resolution of the House of Representatives, passed on the 29th day of February last, in relation to the clerks required in the different bureaus of the Treasury Department, or to give the reason why the information has not been communicated.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee of Claims, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Lewis D. Offield, William and James Crook, and Sarah A. Wirt, widow of John T. Wirt: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the legal representatives of Colonel George Boyd, deceased; and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Crowell, from the Committee of Claims, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 360. A bill for the relief of Charles R. Allen, of Richmond, Virginia;

No. 361. A bill for the relief of Almedus Scott;

accompanied by reports in writing in each case; which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crowell, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of the heirs of Manuel Hover, Isaac King, citi-

zens of Ray county, Missouri, in behalf of J. E. Ball and G. J. Wasson, heirs of William Hudson, and William D. Gibson: which reports were severally laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 362. A bill for the relief of the widow and orphan children of Colonel William R. McKee;

No. 363. A bill for the relief of Captain Dan Drake Henrie;

No. 364. A bill for the relief of Major John P. Gaines;

No. 365. A bill for the relief of the widow of Elijah Bragdon, deceased;

accompanied by reports in writing in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hunt, from the Committee on Commerce, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 366. A bill to increase the efficiency of the revenue marine;

No. 367. A bill appropriating money to remove the sunken rocks in the harbor of New York;

accompanied by a report in writing in the first mentioned case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bills and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Hunt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the resolution of this House of February 28, 1848, relative to providing by law against the importation of foreign paupers and criminals, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Committee on Commerce, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 368. A bill to refund to Charles A. Kellett the tonnage duties and light money paid on the Chinese junk Keying;

No. 369. A bill to provide a custom-house at Wiscasset;

accompanied by a report in the first mentioned case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bills and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill (No. 292) to provide for the ventilation of passenger vessels, and for other purposes, reported back an amendatory bill: which bill was left upon the Speaker's table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the New Jersey Steam Navigation Company and the New York, Providence, and Boston Railroad Company, and that it be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Moses Hampton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from

the further consideration of the petitions of the College of Pharmacy of the city of New York, the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, physicians of Rochester, New York, and physicians and druggists of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, asking that an act be passed providing for the inspection of all articles imported for medical use, and that they be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred a bill (H. R. No. 86) to reduce the minimum price of the Miami lands in Indiana, together with several petitions accompanying the same, made an adverse report thereon: which bill and report and were laid upon the table, and the report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Collamer, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of citizens of the northwestern part of Ohio for a reduction in the price of the public lands on the Miami extension and the Wabash and Erie canals: which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Meade moved, at 3 o'clock and fifteen minutes, that the House adjourn; which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Alexander Evans, from the Committee on Public Lands, made a report upon the resolution of the House of the 21st of February last, relative to extending the benefit of the bounty land system to officers of the army, and moved that the said report and resolution be committed to the Committee of the Whole House, and made a special order: when

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that they be laid upon the table; which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Alexander Evans, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of citizens of Montgomery county, Ohio, praying that American soldiers of the army in Mexico who have become officers may receive bounty lands, and moved that the said report and petition be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and made a special order: when

Mr. Barringer moved that they be laid upon the table; which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Alexander Evans, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the memorial of citizens of Fulton county, Indiana, for a grant of land, in lieu of a certain sixteenth section, for school purposes: which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Alexander Evans, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of George Mackay: which report was committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Alexander Evans, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of citizens of Illinois for bounty lands for the soldiers of the war of 1812: which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of citizens of the parish of Jackson, Louisiana, (Tarkington and others,) made a report thereon, accompa-

nied by a bill (No. 370) to attach a portion of the northwestern land district, Louisiana, to the district of Red river, Louisiana: which was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Goggin,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Adam Whann, with relation to the distributing office at Elkton, Maryland.

Mr. Alexander Evans moved that the said petition be committed to a Committee of the Whole House; which motion was not agreed to; and then the said petition, on motion of Mr. Goggin, was laid upon the table.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Isaac E. Holmes: The memorial of Charles Lee Jones, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying redress for certain grievances connected with the raising and officering a corps of volunteers to serve and now in Mexico.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of Joseph Hobbs, late a soldier in the service of the United States in Mexico, praying that the act of 11th February, 1847, be so amended as to allow bounty land to soldiers of the regular army who received their discharge previous to the passage of said act.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Smart: The petition of Elizabeth Stanford, late widow of John Caffery, praying for the payment of the prize money due her late husband as a sailor on board the Bon Homme Richard, at the capture of the Serapis, during the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The petition of Samuel J. Smith, of Clinton county, in the State of New York, praying for a pension from the time of his discharge, on account of disabilites incurred in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Pollock: Three petitions of citizens of Lycoming and Sullivan counties, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Williamsport, in Lycoming county, to Cherry, in Sullivan county.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of Will county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Joliet, in said county, to Lafayette, in the State of Indiana.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Marvin: The petition of Charles H. and Eliza Lee, administrators of the estate of Oliver Lee, deceased—heretofore presented January 17, 1846.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of William D. Nutt, praying compensation for services rendered in the office of the Treasurer of the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: The petition of Squire Ferris, of the State of Vermont, praying for a pension according to the provisions of the act of June 7, 1832, and a resolution of July 14, 1832, for revolutionary services.

By Mr. Botts: The petition of John T. Parrish, administrator of the estate of Aaron Parrish, deceased, praying for the arrears of pension to which the said deceased was entitled for his military service during the revolutionary war.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of Eunice Clark—heretofore presented May 24, 1841.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of Joseph Kelley—heretofore presented February 27, 1847;

Also, the petition of Aaron H. Hoyt—heretofore presented August 3, 1846;

Also, the petition of Robert Rose—heretofore presented June 10, 1846;

Also, the petition of William Roberts—heretofore presented December 23, 1846;

Also, the petition of Jesse Rose—heretofore presented July 25, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Rumsey: The memorial of citizens of Livingston county, in the State of New York, remonstrating against a renewal of a patent for Wood's cast iron plough: which was laid on the table.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of Alfred F. Randolph, of De Kalb county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the passage of an act permitting him to enter a certain lot of land;

Also, the petition of citizens of Seneca county, in the State of New York, praying that the public lands be laid out into farms and lots for the free use of such citizens, not possessed of other lands, as will occupy them.

By Mr. Jackson: The petition of citizens of the city and State of New York of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The memorial of insurance companies of the cities of New York, Boston, and Philadelphia—heretofore presented December 28, 1842: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Sawyer: The petition of Mary Scott, administratrix of John E. Scott, deceased, praying for the commutation pay due for the services rendered by the said deceased in the Virginia continental line during the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

And then, on motion of Mr. Venable, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he has approved and signed a bill from the Senate (No. 1) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones."

The Senate have passed the bill (No. 104) entitled "An act to authorize a loan, not to exceed the sum of sixteen millions of dollars," with amendments, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Pollock, it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill (No. 104) and amendments be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Chase, it was

*Resolved*, That James Monroe, who contests the seat of David S. Jackson, have leave to be heard in person at the bar of this House.

Mr. Slingerland gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to give actual settlers the benefit of limited quantities of the public lands for a nominal compensation, and to prevent all speculation in the same.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (No. 371) further to amend the judicial system of the United States: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Robert Mills, relative to a new route to the Pacific ocean, with a plan for the transportation of despatches to Astoria, &c., and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (No. 372) to amend the act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, 1847: which was read a first and second time, and the question was stated on ordering it to be engrossed.

And, after debate, Mr. White moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs: which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Haralson moved that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Haralson, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. T. Butler King reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the joint resolution (No. 15) to refund money for expenses incurred, subsistence or transportation furnished, and money advanced, by individual citizens of the United States, for the use

of volunteers, before or after being mustered into service, had come to no resolution.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Gaines: The memorial of officers of the army of the United States at Puebla, in the republic of Mexico, praying for an increase of their rations whilst stationed in that country.

By Mr. Winthrop: The memorial of officers of the army of the United States at Puebla, in the republic of Mexico, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Gregory: The joint resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, in relation to provision being made by Congress to refund to William Napton and Alexander F. Arnold the sum of one thousand six hundred and eighty-two dollars and fifty-one cents, expended by them in raising clothing, subsisting, and other necessary expenses of a company in the New Jersey battalion, for the war with Mexico: which was laid on the table.

By Mr. Preston: The petition of Eli Peterson, of Montgomery county, in the State of Virginia, praying for the bounty land, as sole heir of Andrew Peterson, deceased, to which the said deceased was entitled for his service during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Botts: The petition of A. H. Notting, attorney for the heirs of W. J. Ludeman, deceased, praying the passage of an act allowing to them the bounty land the said deceased was entitled to for his military services: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of citizens of St. Clair county, in the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Osceola, in said county, to Hermitage, in Hickory county, in said State.

By Mr. Harmanson: The petition of citizens of the parishes of Catahoola, Caldwell, and Jackson, in the State of Louisiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Harrisonburg, in Catahoola parish, to Vernon, in Jackson parish.

By Mr. Turney: Two petitions of citizens of Daviess and Stephenson counties, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Freeport, in Stephenson county, to Elizabeth, in Daviess county;

Also, the petition of citizens of Knox county, in the State of Illinois, praying for a reduction of postage on letters and newspapers, and that it be pre-paid.

By Mr. Farrelly: The petition of citizens of Mercer county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the repeal of the law requiring postage on newspapers circulating in the mail within thirty miles of the offices of publication.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Sherrill: The petition of citizens of Delaware county, in

the State of New York, praying that the public lands be laid out into lots and farms, for the free use of such citizens, not possessed of other land, as will occupy them: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Garnett Duncan: The petition of citizens of Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, praying for an appropriation to repair the breach in the dam at the head of Cumberland island, across a portion of the Ohio river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Marsh: The memorial of Charles Fletcher, in relation to the Washington monument: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Marvin: The memorial of citizens of Canandaigua, in the State of New York, remonstrating against the removal of the circuit court of the United States from said place.

By Mr. Tuck: The petition of citizens of Lincoln, in the State of Maine, praying that a committee be appointed to inquire into and report whether the slave trade is carried on in the District of Columbia, and to what extent, and by what law.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of Adah Smith, widow of Joseph Smith, deceased—heretofore presented July 24, 1846;

Also, the petition of Samuel Ferguson, heir-at-law of John Ferguson, deceased—heretofore presented August 3, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Turner: The petition of William Wallace, of Dixon, in the State of Illinois, praying for a pension, on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

And then, on motion of Mr. Pollock, the House, at twenty minutes before 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Haralson,

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the joint resolution No. 15, to refund money for expenses incurred, subsistence or transportation furnished, and money advanced by individual citizens, shall cease in fifteen minutes after it shall be taken up, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House, with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill (H. R. No. 175) to change the location of certain light houses and buoys.

They have agreed to the amendment of the House to the bill from the Senate (No. 85) to provide for the compensation of Samuel Leech for services in the investigation of suspended sales in the Mineral Point district, Wisconsin.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Vinton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, (by leave,) to which was referred the bill of the House (No. 104) entitled "An act to authorize a loan not to exceed the sum of sixteen millions of dollars, with the amendments of the Senate thereto, reported that the committee had agreed to the said amendments.

The House, by unanimous consent, proceeded to the consideration of the said bill: when the said amendments of the Senate were read and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Morris, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made an adverse report upon the petition of the heirs of Robert Laughlin: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nathan K. Hall, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred House bill (No. 146) authorizing a term of the United States circuit and district courts at Chicago, Illinois, reported the same without amendment; and thereupon,

The said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Nathan K. Hall, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Roseell W. Haskins, reported a bill (No. 373) to re-enact and continue in operation certain acts for the relief of insolvent debtors of the United States: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Nathan K. Hall, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Major G. Tochman: which was laid upon the table.

Mr. McIlvaine, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the petitions of John B. Chapman, Patrick Marautelle, Alixe Coquilliard, and others, citizens of Michigan and Indiana, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 374) to provide for the payment of claims of certain citizens of the United States against the Ottowa, Chippewa, and Pottawatomie Indians: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burt, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a joint resolution (No. 23) to defray the expenses of transporting to the United States, and interring the remains of deceased officers and soldiers of the army in certain cases: which was read a first and second time, and, on motion of Mr. Bowling, was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Under the 114th rule, Mr. Leffler handed to the Clerk a notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to grant to the State of Iowa certain alternate sections of the public lands, to aid said State in the construction of a railroad from the city of Dubuque, via Calcade, Marion, Iowa City, and Washington, to Keokuc, below the Des Moines river rapids, in the Mississippi.

Mr. White, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the petitions of Fanny Conway, widow of Dr. Edwin Conway, Sarah V. Jones, widow of Alonzo Jones, Margaret M. Thomas, widow of Richard Thomas, Elizabeth Vandeford, widow of Benjamin Vanderford, Ann Carpenter, widow of Jacob Carpenter, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 375) for the relief of widows and orphan children of officers and seamen of the navy of the United States: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. White,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Nathaniel and Catharine Lawrence, of New York, parents of Lieutenant John C. Lawrence, deceased; also, upon the petition of Samuel P. Todd, purser in the United States navy; and that they be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Stanton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Samuel Colt; and that it be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Gott,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Territories be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Hall J. Kelly, John Kendrich, Charles Bulfinch, and others; and that they be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Caleb B. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Territories be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Northampton, Massachusetts, in relation to the public lands; and that it be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Anna Leech, of Maine, Martha Winans, widow of Abraham Winans, Jane Sulcer, William Sulcer, Sarah Sampson, widow of Peleg Sampson, Sarah Feas, widow of William Feas, John Victor, administrator of Sarah Victor, John Caldwell, and resolutions of the Legislature of Florida in relation to the widows and orphans of those who have died in the military service of the United States in Mexico; and that they be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the resolutions of the Legislature of New York, and of citizens of Warren county, New York, in relation to the continuance of pensions to the widows of soldiers of the revolution, and

of widows of officers of the United States army slain in battle, or who have died while in the military service of the United States; and that they be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of the heirs of Lieutenant Andrew Dover, and of the legal representatives of Udney Hay; and that they be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the resolution of the House of the 17th of January last, instructing them to inquire into the propriety of paying to the widows, heirs, or legal representatives of the volunteers who may have been killed in battle, or died before the end of their term of service, the same pay they would have received had they served the full time for which they entered the service; and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Cocke, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Jonathan Tipton: which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House, and the report and petition ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cocke, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (No. 22) from the Senate entitled "An act for the relief of Mary MacRae, widow of Lieutenant Colonel William MacRae, late of the United States army, deceased," reported the same back without amendment, and a recommendation that it do not pass.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Goggin,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Postmaster General relative to the transportation of the mail from Charleston to Chagres, and across the isthmus to Panama, and thence to Astoria; and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Strong, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made a report upon the petition of William Parker, accompanied by a bill (No. 376) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the said bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Strong, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made a report upon the petition of William Via, accompanied by a bill (No. 377) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Strong, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Rebecca Boyd, P. Decatur Twiggs, Noah Clark, and

Martin Dewey: which were severally laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Richard Pattison, of Baltimore, Maryland, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Maria Brown, widow of Joel Brown, and that it be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Henry Shaffer and Sarah Knight, widow of John Knight: which were severally laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 378. A bill for the relief of Eliza A. Mellon;

No. 379. A bill for the relief of Benjamin Reifsnyder;

No. 380. A bill for the relief of Francis M. Holton;

accompanied by reports, in writing, in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the said bills and reports were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions,

*Ordered*, That the petition and accompanying papers of Alexander McDonald, which were reported upon adversely, on the 29th of February last, be again referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Isaac Deavee and the heirs of Wilfred Knott: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. William T. Lawrence,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James Oldham, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Theodore Davis, William A. Smith, Valentine Spawrs, and Ann H. Allen, widow of Samuel Allen: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 381. A bill for the relief of Israel Bayliss;

No. 382. A bill for the relief of Arthur Wilson;

No. 383. A bill for the relief of Benjamin G. Perkins;

No. 384. A bill for the relief of Beriah Wright;

No. 385. A bill for the relief of John Savage;

No. 386. A bill for the relief of Levi Colmus;

accompanied by a report, in writing, in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the said bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eckert, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of John Gilbert, William Gracey, and John Stanert: which were severally laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (No. 104) entitled "An act to authorize a loan, not to exceed sixteen millions of dollars," and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Mr. Eckert, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made a report upon the petition of William Paddy, accompanied by a bill (No. 387) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farrelly, from the Committee on Patents, made an adverse report upon the petition of Thomas Gregg, for extension of his ball-proof steamer and iron smelting furnace: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Farrelly,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Patents be discharged from the consideration of the petition of C. Evans, of Pittsburg, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Starkweather, from the Committee on Accounts, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House pay, on the audit of the Committee on Accounts, the account of T. Bailey Myers and F. F. Marbury, employed by the Solicitor of the Treasury, under a resolution of the House of the 20th January, 1846, to take sworn testimony in the claim of Matthews, Wood & Hall.

Mr. Preston, from the Committee on the Library, to which was referred the subject of Senate journals and documents missing from the library of the House, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives purchase, for the use of this House, fourteen sets of the Senate documents of the second session of the 28th Congress, and of the first session of the 29th Congress, and fourteen copies of the Senate Journal of the first session of the 29th Congress.

Mr. Truman Smith, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 82) entitled "An act for the relief of John Black, late consul of the United States at the city of Mexico," reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the

Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report be printed.

On motion of Mr. Barringer,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of James M. Kibben and of Isaac C. Elston, and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, made a report upon the petition of Manuel X. Harmony, accompanied by a bill (No. 388) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States a bill (No. 104) to authorize a loan, not to exceed the sum of sixteen millions of dollars.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, made a report upon the case of A. Bandonin and A. D. Robert, accompanied by a bill (No. 389) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thibodeaux, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred a memorial for making Ship island a port of delivery, reported a bill (No. 390) to make Ship island, in the collection district of Pearl river, a port of delivery, and to authorize the appointment of a surveyor for said port: which bill was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time: thereupon,

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Hunt, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (No. 391) to release from duty plank and timber imported for the construction of plank-roads: which bill was read a first and second time, and the question was stated on ordering it to be engrossed; when

Mr. Pollock moved that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that it be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

And, after debate,

On motion of Mr. Caleb B. Smith, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. T. Butler King reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the joint resolution (No. 15) to refund money for expenses incurred, subsistence or transportation furnished, and money advanced, by individual citizens of the United States, for the use of

the volunteers, before or after being mustered into the service of the United States, had directed him to report the same to the House with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said joint resolution; when

Mr. Pollock moved that it be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs: which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Willard P. Hall, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cranston reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 201) to establish the territorial government of Oregon, had come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The memorial of citizens of the District of Columbia, praying for the passage of an act providing for a change of venue on suits brought in the courts of said district.

By Mr. Wick: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, in relation to the government of the United States providing transportation, free of cost, for all persons of color that may apply, through the American Colonization Society, to be removed to the republic of Liberia.

By Mr. Dunn: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and resolutions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hammons: The petition of Joshua Trafton—heretofore presented February 24, 1846;

Also, the petition of William Frederick, of Stark, in the State of Maine, for himself and other heirs of Joseph Frederick, deceased, praying payment of the prize money the said deceased was entitled to, as boatswain's mate on board the Alliance, one of the vessels of the squadron of Commodore John Paul Jones, during the war of the revolution;

Also, the petition of James P. Nutter, of Alfred, in the State of Maine, for himself and other heirs of Jacob Nutter, deceased, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, the petition of Charles Wadsworth and others, heirs-at-law of the late General Peleg Wadsworth, deceased—heretofore presented March 4, 1846;

Also, the petition of Isaac Abbott, of Fryesburg, in the State of Maine, praying for increase of pension for revolutionary services.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Wick: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, in relation to the passage of an act of Congress authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to pay certain of the Miami Indians in said State their just and equal share of annuities belonging to said tribe by treaty stipulations.

By Mr. Dunn: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That the said resolutions be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Hammons: The petition of Sally S. Crocker, of Charlott, in the State of Maine, sole heir of Jonathan Stark, deceased, praying for the arrears of pension to which the said Stark was entitled, on account of his wounds and disabilities, received and incurred in the service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Dunn: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, in relation to the establishment of a mail route from Belleville, in Hendricks county, to Lebanon, in Boone county.

By Mr. Wick: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, of like import with the foregoing;

Also, a joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, in relation to the establishment of a mail route from Salem, in Washington county, to Bloomington, in Monroe county.

By Mr. Dunn: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, a joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, in relation to reduction of postage on newspapers and periodicals.

By Mr. Wick: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, a joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, in relation to the establishment of a mail route from Brownstown, in Jackson county, to David Boman's, in said county.

By Mr. Dunn: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said resolutions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Dunn: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, in relation to increasing the clothing pay of the volunteer non-commissioned officers and privates engaged in the war with Mexico.

By Mr. Wick: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Cabell: Additional evidence in the case of Giles U. Ellis.

*Ordered*, That said resolutions and papers be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of the legal representatives of Elisha Tracy, deceased, praying for the payment to which the said Tracy was entitled for his services, as purchasing and issuing commissary, during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Smart: Three memorials of citizens of Vinal Haven and North Haven, in the State of Maine, remonstrating against said towns being annexed to the collection district of Belfast: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Hammons: The petition of Jonathan Wingate, of Parson-

field, in the State of Maine, praying for a pension, in consideration of his services in the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Hammons: The petition of Hannah Lord, of Limerick, in the State of Maine, widow of Daniel Lord, deceased, praying for increase of pension;

Also, the petition of Hannah Norton, of Limington, in the State of Maine, widow of Nathaniel Norton, deceased, praying for extension of the pension law so as to grant pensions to widows of revolutionary soldiers married prior to 1800.

By Mr. William G. Brown: The petition of Drusilla Bukey, widow of Hezekiah Bukey, deceased—heretofore presented January 7, 1847.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Hammons: The petition of citizens of Kittery, in the State of Maine, praying for the right to construct a bridge from Jenkins's island to the Kittery navy yard;

Also, the petition of William Gove—heretofore presented January 6, 1846;

Also, the petition of Benjamin Cressey—heretofore presented January 6, 1846;

Also, the petition of Lot Davis—heretofore presented January 6, 1846;

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Dunn: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, in relation to the surrendering the eastern division of the Cumberland road in said State to the State.

By Mr. Wick: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, a joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, in relation to the improvement of the Iroquois and Kankakee rivers, in said State.

By Mr. Dunn: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said resolutions be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll: The petition of citizens of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the public lands may be laid out into farms and lots for the free use of such citizens, not possessed of other lands, as will occupy them.

By Mr. Dunn: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, in relation to the reduction of the price of the public lands in the Great Miami reserve.

By Mr. Wick: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, a joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, in relation to bounty land warrants.

By Mr. Dunn: A joint resolution of the State of Indiana, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, a joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indi-

ana, in relation to a marsh and wet tract of land in Jay and Adams counties, in said State.

By Mr. Wick: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, a joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, in relation to postponing the sales of the public lands in the Miami reserve.

By Mr. Dunn: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, a joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, in relation to reducing the price of the public lands.

By Mr. Wick: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, a joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, in relation to locating bounty land warrants.

By Mr. Dunn: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, a joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, in relation to volunteers who have settled on government lands in the Great Miami reserve.

By Mr. Wick: A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, in relation to the reduction of the price of public lands in the Great Miami reserve to one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre to actual settlers.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and resolutions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Dunn: The petition of Henry Clamorgan, for himself and other heirs of Jacques Clamorgan, deceased, praying for comfirmation of title to certain lands in the State of Missouri, or that they may be allowed to enter other lands in lieu thereof: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

And then, on motion of Mr. Venable, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty-three minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock meridian.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1848.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private Secretary, notifying that he has this day approved and signed a bill (H. R. No. 104) to authorize a loan not to exceed the sum of sixteen millions of dollars.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 30) to extend to John J. Adams a patent for flattening cylinder window glass: which bill was reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the 17th instant, with amendments, and a recommendation that it do not pass.

The said amendments were read: when

Mr. Stephens moved that the bill be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill (No. 150) entitled

"An act granting a pension to Patrick Walker;" in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The President has notified the Senate that he did, on the 29th instant, approve and sign bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

S. 159. An act to remit the duties on books, maps, and charts imported for the use of the Library of Congress.

S. 63. An act in addition to an act for the relief of Walter Loomis and Abel Gay, approved July 2, 1836.

And then the Secretary withdrew.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Stanton reported that the committee had had under consideration sundry private bills, and directed him to report to the House the bill (No. 33) for the relief of Jacob Gideon, with amendments; and that in further proceeding therein, the said committee found itself without a quorum, and he had caused the roll of members to be called, and the following-named members were found to be absent:

George Ashmun, Thomas H. Bayly, Hiram Belcher, James A. Black, Thomas S. Bocock, John M. Botts, Franklin W. Bowdon, Linn Boyd, Richard Brodhead, Aylett Buckner, Chester Butler, John G. Chapman, Asa W. H. Clapp, William Collins, John W. Crisfield, John D. Cummins, Rudolphus Dickinson, James Dixon, Joseph E. Edsall, Nathan Evans, James J. Farran, David Fisher, Thomas S. Flournoy, John Freedley, George Fries, Andrew S. Fulton, John P. Gaines, John Gayle, Daniel Gott, James S. Green, Artemas Hale, Willard P. Hall, Nathan K. Hall, James G. Hampton, Hugh A. Haralson, John H. Harmanson, Henry W. Hilliard, Samuel W. Inge, Charles J. Ingersoll, Alexander Irvin, Alfred Iverson, David S. Jackson, John Jamieson, James H. Johnson, John W. Jones, David S. Kaufman, T. Butler King, Daniel P. King, Samuel Lahm, William T. Lawrence, Shepherd Leffler, Lewis C. Levin, Thomas W. Ligon, Frederick W. Lord, Robert M. McLane, Robert McClelland, John A. McClernand, Abraham R. McIlvaine, John K. Miller, Charles S. Morehead, William Nelson, Henry Nes, John G. Palfrey, Lucius B. Peck, John S. Pendleton, John Pettit, Timothy Pilsbury, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, Joseph M. Root, Peter H. Silvester, Caleb B. Smith, Robert Smith, John Strohm, James Thompson, Richard W. Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, Robert Toombs, Amos Tuck, David Wilmot, James Wilson, Joseph A. Woodward, Hezekiah Williams.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that there be a call of the House: which motion was not agreed to.

A quorum having appeared, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Stanton reported that the committee had had under consideration a bill (No. 41) for the relief of the securities of Elijah J. Weed, late quartermaster of marines, deceased, which they had

directed him to report to the House, with a recommendation that it do not pass.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill (No. 33) for the relief of Jacob Gideon: when the said amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House were agreed to; and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (No. 41) for the relief of the securities of Elijah J. Weed, late quartermaster of marines, deceased: when

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the bill be laid upon the table; And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 75 / Nays ..... 68

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin | Mr. Samuel O. Peyton |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Richard French | John S. Phelps |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Joshua R. Giddings | Harvey Putnam |
| Henry Bedinger | Willard P. Hall | William A. Richardson |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | David Hammons | Thomas Richey |
| Ausburn Birdsall | Samson W. Harris | John L. Robinson |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | Thomas J. Henley | William Rockhill |
| James B. Bowlin | Hugh L. W. Hill | William Sawyer |
| William G. Brown | George S. Houston | Augustine H. Shepperd |
| Charles Brown | Timothy Jenkins | Richard F. Simpson |
| Albert G. Brown | Andrew Johnson | Alexander D. Sims |
| Armistead Burt | Robert W. Johnson | Ephraim K. Smart |
| Richard S. Canby | George W. Jones | Frederick P. Stanton |
| Charles W. Cathcart | William Kennon, jr. | George A. Starkweather |
| Franklin Clark | John H. Lumpkin | Charles E. Stuart |
| Beverly L. Clark | Robert McClelland | James H. Thomas |
| Howell Cobb | James J. McKay | James Thompson |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | Dudley Marvin | Jacob Thompson |
| Harmon S. Conger | Richard K. Meade | William Thompson |
| John R. J. Daniel | Jonathan D. Morris | Benjamin B. Thurston |
| John Dickey | Joseph Mullin | Thomas J. Turner |
| William Duer | Henry Nicoll | Abraham W. Venable |
| Daniel Duncan | David Outlaw | John Wentworth |
| James J. Faran | Charles H. Peaslee | William W. Wick |
| Winfield S. Featherston | George Petrie | James S. Wiley. |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. John H. Crozier | Mr. Joseph Grinnell |
| Green Adams | Richard S. Donnell | Moses Hampton |
| Daniel M. Barringer | Garnett Duncan | William T. Haskell |
| John Blanchard | George G. Dunn | William Henry |
| Nathaniel Boydon | George N. Eckert | Isaac E. Holmes |
| Jasper E. Brady | Thomas O. Edwards | Elias B. Holmes |
| Samuel A. Bridges | Elisha Embree | John W. Houston |
| E. Carrington Cabell | Alexander Evans | Samuel D. Hubbard |
| Thomas L. Clingman | John W. Farrelly | Charles Hudson |
| William M. Cocke | John P. Gaines | Washington Hunt |
| Jacob Collamer | Meredith P. Gentry | Joseph R. Ingersoll |
| Robert B. Cranston | William L. Goggin | Orlando Kellogg |
| John Crowell | Dudley S. Gregory | William T. Lawrence |

Mr. Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
James McDowell
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
William A. Newall
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
Mr. Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Mr. John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Peck, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (S. No. 85) entitled "An act to provide for the compensation of Samuel Leech, for services in the investigation of suspended sales in the Mineral Point land district of Wisconsin," and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Bingham: The memorial of citizens of Oakland county, in the State of Michigan, remonstrating against the renewal of a patent to the heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased, for Wood's cast iron plough: which was laid on the table.

By Mr. Stewart: The petition of Thomas Gregg, praying for a renewal and extension of certain patents for a "ball-proof steamer" and a furnace for smelting iron: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Tweedy: The memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying that Fort Howard may be vacated, and the reservation of land attached for military purposes may be sold: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Willard P. Hall: The petition of citizens of De Kalb county, in the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Far West to Maysville, and one from Gallatin to St. Joseph's.

By Mr. —— ——: The petition of citizens of Lebanon county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the repeal of so much of the post office law as requires postage on newspapers circulating in the mails within thirty miles of the offices of publication.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Tuck: Three memorials of citizens of Exeter, in the State of New Hampshire, remonstrating against the removal of the courts of the United States from Exeter to Concord: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Nicoll: The petition of James M. French, of the city and State of New York, praying for a pension in consideration of disabilities received and incurred in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Tweedy: The memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for an amendment of the pre-emption laws so as to extend the time of payment to two years;

Also, the memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, remonstrating against granting pre-emption rights to certain reserved mineral lands in said Territory.

*Ordered*, That said memorials be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

And then, on motion of Mr. Venable, the House, at 3 o'clock and five minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1848.

The bill from the Senate (No. 150) entitled "An act granting a pension to Patrick Walker," was read a first and second time, and, by the unanimous consent of the House, ordered to be read a third time;

And, thereupon,

The said bill was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Robert W. Johnson,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw from the possession of the House the memorial of "the old settler party of the Cherokee Indians for relief."

The said memorial was accordingly delivered to the honorable Robert W. Johnson.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications:

I. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting two hundred and twenty-nine copies of the annual Army Register, for the use of the members of the House of Representatives: which letter was laid upon the table.

II. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting two hundred and seventy-five copies of the Navy Register for the year 1848, for the use of the members of the House of Representatives: which letter was laid upon the table.

III. A letter from the acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 29th of February last, reports from several bureaus of that department as to "what additional number of clerks, if any, are necessary in any of the said bureaus; and what amount of money ought to be appropriated to defray the expenses consequent upon the appointment of such clerks:" which letter and reports were referred to the Committee of Claims, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 97 / Nays ..... 41 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Green Adams | Mr. Richard L. T. Beale | Mr. Nathaniel Boyden |
| George Ashmun | John Blanchard | Albert G. Brown |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Franklin W. Bowdon | Aylett Buckner |

Mr. Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
James Dixon
William Duer
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
John W. Farrelly
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Nathan K. Hall
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Mr. Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Robert W. Johnson
John W. Jones
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Mr. Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Alexander H. Stephens
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
William G. Brown
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Hugh A. Haralson
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
James H. Thomas
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
William W. Wick.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cocke reported that the Committee of the Whole House had had under consideration the bill upon the private calendar (No. 44) for the relief of Thomas Scott, register of the land office at Chillicothe, Ohio, for services connected with the duties of his office, and had directed him to report the said bill to the House, with an amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill: when the said amendment was agreed to; and

The said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when

Mr. Hammons moved that it be laid upon the table; which motion was not agreed to; and

The question recurred, Shall the bill pass? and being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the vote by which the House yesterday laid upon the table the bill (No. 30) to extend to John J. Adams a patent for flattening cylinder window glass, be reconsidered; which motion was disagreed to.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Thibodeaux: The petition of James W. Schammburg, administrator of the estate of Bartholomew Schammburg, deceased, praying to be refunded certain money which was placed in the hands of the said deceased by Thomas Wright, late paymaster, to pay the officers and soldiers stationed at Natchitoches, in the State of Louisiana, and which was entrusted to the hands of Major Riddle and by him lost: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Wiley: The petition of citizens of the State of Maine, praying Congress to appoint a committee to inquire into and report, whether, to what extent, and by what law, the slave trade exists and is carried on in the District of Columbia: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Also, the petition of Olive King, late widow of William Eddy, deceased, praying for a pension in consideration of the services of her late husband during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Winthrop: The petition of Louis Eugene Hargous, of the city and State of New York, praying remuneration for services rendered and expenses incurred as acting consul at Vera Cruz, in the republic of Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The petition of William B. McMurtrie, praying indemnity for losses sustained by him in fitting out as an assistant of the scientific corps of the South Sea exploring expedition: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Atkinson: The petition of Henry Blow and Robert Blow, of Southampton county, in the State of Virginia, sole heirs of Henry Blow, deceased, praying for the arrears of pension to which the said deceased was entitled for his services during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Reynolds: The petition of Richard Ames, of Lansingburg, in the State of New York, praying for arrears of pay and bounty land for his services in the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of Joseph G. Swift, administrator of Alexander J. Swift, deceased, late captain in the United States navy, praying indemnity for the loss of two horses which

were drowned and lost in the service of the United States at Vera Cruz.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then, on motion of Mr. Howell Cobb, the House, at 2 o'clock and thirty-five minutes, p. m., adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## MONDAY, April 3, 1848.

Under the 114th rule of the House, Mr. Robert W. Johnson gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill regarding the location of Lovely donation claims.

Mr. Lincoln moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the resolution from the Senate (No. 14) "respecting contracts for hemp for the use of the American navy;"

And the question being put, "Shall the rules be suspended for the purpose aforesaid?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 81 / Nays..... 68

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Jasper E. Brady
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Granston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
William Duer
Alexander Evans
John W. Farrelly
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell

Mr. Willard P. Hall
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton

Mr. George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
William Strong
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Linn Boyd

Mr. Samuel A. Bridges
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb

Mr. John W. Crisfield
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan

Mr. George G. Dunn
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Nathan K. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles Hudson
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
Mr. David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
Mr. William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot

Mr. George S. Houston moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of all bills and resolutions, from the Senate, upon the Speaker's table;

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended for the purpose aforesaid?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas ..... 91 / Nays ..... 83

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
George G. Dunn
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Mr. Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Mr. Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
Mr. Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner

Mr. Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
John W. Farrelly
John P. Gaines
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell

Mr. Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam

Mr. Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Under the 114th rule, Mr. Featherston handed to the Clerk a notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill for the relief of certain citizens of the county of Lowndes, in the State of Mississippi.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of Isaac Hill and Sons, praying remuneration for loss and damages sustained by them through the non-fulfilment of a contract made with the Post Office Department for furnishing blanks for said department.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of Augustus Steel, of the State of Florida—heretofore presented December 31, 1840.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Kaufman: The petition of Jesse Sutton, praying compensation for his services as blacksmith, rendered to certain Indian tribes in the State of Texas: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The memorial of masters and owners of vessels, of Buffalo, in the State of New York, praying for an appropriation to establish eight buoys, to mark the channel and reefs at the head of Niagara river: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Barrow: The memorial of Armand T. Donnet—heretofore presented December 17, 1848: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Wentworth: The memorial of Josiah Williams, praying for bounty land in consideration of his services in the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Also, the petition of Silas Chatfield, an invalid pensioner of the war of 1812, praying for arrears of pension.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The petition of Amos Knapp, of Mon-

roe county, in the State of New York, praying for a pension on account of disease contracted from exposure in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Clingman: The petition of citizens of Yancey county, in the State of North Carolina, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Ball Mountain creek, in said county, to Cedar creek, in Green county, in the State of Tennessee.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of La Salle county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Peru to Pawpaw Grove, in said State.

By Mr. Henry: The petition of citizens of Windham, in the State of Vermont, praying for the establishment of a mail route from West Townsend North to Windham Centre.

By Mr. Taylor: The petition of citizens of Pike and Sciota counties, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Piketon to Slaven's settlement.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Walker, his private secretary; which was delivered in at the Speaker's table.

Mr. John W. Houston moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to offer a resolution relating to a refusal by the Treasury Department to pay to James Crutchett the amount appropriated for his use in the bill (No. 135) entitled "An act to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1848;"

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended for the purpose aforesaid?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Cummins asked leave to present the following resolutions, viz:

*Resolved*, That it becomes the people of the United States to rejoice that the sentiment of *self-government* is commending itself to the favorable consideration and adoption of the intelligent and thinking men of all enlightened nations.

*Resolved*, That the only legitimate source of political power is the will of the people, and the only rightful end of its exercise their good.

*Resolved*, That we sincerely hope that down-trodden humanity may succeed in breaking down all forms of tyranny and oppression, and in the establishment of free and rational governments for the good of the governed, and not for the aggrandizement of those who govern.

*Resolved*, That we tender our warmest sympathies to the people of France and Italy in their present struggle for reform, and sincerely hope they may succeed in establishing free and constitutional governments, emanating from and based upon the will of the

governed, suited to their wants and condition, and such as will secure them liberty and safety.

*Resolved*, That we tender our sympathy and hopes of success to every people who are seeking to establish for themselves free and rational governments, and that whatever of blood and treasure may be shed or spent in a struggle of the o; pressed against the oppressor, is to be charged to the unjust resistance of the oppressor, who strives to hold and exercise the *rights* of the people, *usurped* against their will, and exercised for the *benefit* of the few and the oppression of the *many*, and not to the people, who seek only to regain and exercise their natural rights in such manner as will best secure and promote their own happiness and safety.

Objection being made to the introduction of the said resolutions,

Mr. Cummins moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the same;

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended for the purpose aforesaid?

It was decided in affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof, { Yeas ..... 120 / Nays ..... 51

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
William Duer
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Joshua R. Giddings
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
James G. Hampton

Mr. Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sere
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nes
Henry Nicoll

Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Eliakim Sherrill
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. Green Adams | Mr. Garnett Duncan | Mr. Charles S. Morehead |
| George Ashmun | George N. Eckert | William Nelson |
| Washington Barrow | Thomas O. Edwards | David Outlaw |
| Nathaniel Boydon | Andrew S. Fulton | John S. Pendleton |
| Jasper E. Brady | John P. Gaines | Harvey Putnam |
| Aylett Buckner | John Gayle | Julius Rockwell |
| Richard S. Canby | William L. Goggin | Daniel B. St. John |
| John G. Chapman | Dudley S. Gregory | Robert C. Schenck |
| Thomas L. Clingman | Joseph Grinnell | Augustine H. Shepperd |
| William M. Cocke | Nathan K. Hall | Peter H. Sylvester |
| Jacob Collamer | William Henry | Caleb B. Smith |
| Harmon S. Conger | Elias B. Holmes | Truman Smith |
| Robert B. Cranston | Samuel D. Hubbard | Alexander H. Stephens |
| John W. Crisfield | Charles Hudson | Richard W. Thompson |
| John Crowell | Joseph R. Ingersoll | John B. Thompson |
| John H. Crozier | Orlando Kellogg | Cornelius Warren |
| Richard S. Donnell | Lewis C. Levin | Hugh White. |

Mr. Cummins accordingly introduced his said resolutions, which were read; and the question was stated on agreeing thereto: when

Mr. Ashmun moved to amend the same, by adding at the end of the fourth of the said resolutions the following:

"And we especially see an encouraging earnest of their success in the decree which pledges the said government of France to early measures for the immediate emancipation of all slaves in their colonies."

The said amendment was read, and the question was stated on agreeing to the said amendment; when

Mr. Ashmun modified the same, by adding thereto the following:

"Recognising as we do that cardinal republican principle, that 'there should be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except for crime.'"

The question was stated on agreeing to the said amendment as modified.

And, after debate, Mr. Hilliard moved that the said resolutions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Bayly moved that they be referred to a select committee.

The question was stated to be first on the motion to refer to the Committee on Foreign Affairs; when

Mr. Bayly, at the suggestion of Mr. Duer, modified his said motion to read as follows:

"That the resolutions be referred to a select committee of one from each State, with instructions to propose joint resolutions expressing the sympathy of this nation for the French people, in their struggle for civil liberty."

At this stage of the proceedings, Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll asked that the message this day received from the President of the United States, and now in possession of the Speaker, be laid before the House.

The Speaker stated that it could be done only by the unanimous consent of the House; and, hearing no objection, he accordingly handed the said message to the Clerk.

The Clerk was in the act of opening the said message, when

Mr. Ashmun objected to its being laid before the House at that time.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll raised the point of order that the objection came too late, the message having passed from the possession of the Speaker.

The Speaker decided that the objection was in season, the reading of the message not having been commenced, and that the message could not now be laid before the House.

From this decision Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll appealed.

And the question being put "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?"

And decided in the affirmative by tellers, { Yeas ..... 90 / Nays ..... 30

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Hilliard, that the said resolutions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs; when

Mr. Donnell moved that the said resolutions and amendments be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 11 / Nays ..... 159

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Nathaniel Boydon
Aylett Buckner
John G. Chapman
William M. Cocke
Mr. Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
Richard S. Donnell
John Gayle
Mr. Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
William Henry.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Jasper E. Brady
Samuel A. Bridges
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
Mr. John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Joshua R. Giddings
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Mr. Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord

Mr. John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Mr. Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Mr. George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

And, after further debate,

Mr. Ashmun moved that the further consideration of the whole subject be postponed until Thursday next, and made the special order for that day: which motion was not agreed to, two-thirds not having voted in favor thereof.

Mr. Ashmun moved, at 4 o'clock and fifteen minutes, that the House adjourn.

And the question being put,

There appeared { Yeas ..... 80
Nays ..... 80

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Mr. Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Truman Smith
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Samuel A. Bridges
Charles Brown
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John W. Crisfield
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. Richard French
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
John W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
Mr. Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Peter H. Sylvester
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley.

The House being equally divided,
The Speaker voted in the affirmative,
And thereupon announced that the House stood adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, April 4, 1848.

Mr. Sims rose, and announced to the House that James Augustus Black, a member of this House from the State of South Carolina, died at his lodgings in this city yesterday; and, after a brief eulogium on the life, character, and public services of the deceased, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted unanimously, viz:

*Resolved*, That the House has heard, with deep emotion, the annunciation of the death of the honorable James A. Black, a member from the State of South Carolina.

*Resolved*, That this House tenders to the relatives of the deceased the expression of its sympathy on this affecting event; and, as a testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, the members and officers of the House will go into mourning, by wearing crape on the left arm, for thirty days.

*Resolved*, That the members and officers of the House will attend the funeral of the honorable James A. Black, deceased, on to-morrow, at half past 12 o'clock, p. m.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed for superintending the funeral of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That a message be sent to the Senate to notify that body of the death of the honorable James A. Black, late one of the Representatives from the State of South Carolina, that his funeral

will take place from the hall of the House on to-morrow, at half past 12 o'clock, p. m., and that the Senate be invited to attend the same.

*Resolved*, That, as a further mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, the House do now adjourn.

And thereupon the Speaker adjourned the House until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1848.

The House met at 12 o'clock, meridian, pursuant to adjournment.

The funeral ceremonies of the honorable James A. Black, a Representative from the State of South Carolina, were performed; after which the corpse was conveyed to the Congressional burial ground in the following order of procession, as established by the committee of arrangements:

The Chaplains of both houses of Congress.

Physicians who attended the deceased.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS:

Mr. Sims, of South Carolina,

Mr. Boyd, of Kentucky,
Mr. Atkinson, of Virginia,
Mr. Thompson, of Pennsylvania.
Mr. Marsh, of Vermont,
Mr. Hampton, of New Jersey.
Mr. Hubbard, of Connecticut.

PALL-BEARERS:

Mr. Lumpkin, of Georgia,
Mr. McClernand, of Illinois,
Mr. Ligon, of Maryland,
Mr. Hunt, of New York,

CORPSE.

Mr. Cranston, of Rhode Island,
Mr. Cocke, of Tennessee,
Mr. Rockwell, of Mass.,
Mr. Harmanson, of Louisiana.

The family and friends of the deceased.

The Senators and Representatives from the State of South Carolina, as mourners.

The Sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives of the United States, preceded by their Speaker and Clerk.

The other officers of the House of Representatives.

The Sergeant-at-arms of the Senate.

The Senate, preceded by their President and Secretary.

The other officers of the Senate.

The President of the United States.

The Heads of Departments.

The Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and its officers.

The diplomatic corps.

The Comptrollers, Auditors, and other Heads of Bureaus of the several departments of the government, with their officers.

Officers of the army and navy at the seat of government.

The mayor of Washington.

Citizens and strangers.

After depositing the corpse in the burial ground, the Speaker, members, and officers, returned into the hall.

And then, on motion of Mr. Robert W. Johnson, the House, at 2 o'clock and twenty-three minutes, adjourned until tomorrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## THURSDAY, April 6, 1848.

In pursuance of the orders of the House of the 28th of March last, Mr. Pollock, Mr. Toombs, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Hilliard, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Venable, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Maclay, were appointed a select committee upon the memorial of Asa Whitney, in favor of the construction of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean; and

Mr. Edwards, Mr. John W. Jones, Mr. Fries, Mr. Eckert, Mr. Lord, Mr. Nes, Mr. Newall, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Williams, were appointed a select committee upon the memorials relating to the inspection of all imported drugs, medicines, and chemicals.

Mr. John L. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the 4th instant, present to the President of the United States a bill of the Senate (No. 85) entitled "An act to provide for the compensation of Samuel Leech, for services in the investigation of suspended sales in the Mineral Point district, Wisconsin."

Mr. Peck, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill of the Senate (No. 150) entitled "An act granting a pension to Patrick Walker," and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Nicoll: The petition of citizens of the city and State of New York, praying that the public lands may be laid out in farms and lots, for the free use of such citizens as will occupy them and are not possessed of other lands.

By Mr. Cabell: The memorial of the commissioner of Hillsborough county, in the State of Florida, praying confirmation of a location of land for county site, and a grant of land for court-house.

By Mr. Willard P. Hall: The petition of citizens of the State of Missouri, praying for a donation of alternate sections of the public lands lying on the line of the Hannibal and St. Joseph railroad, to aid in the construction of said road.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Waukesha county, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying that the public lands may be made free for such citizens, not possessed of other lands, as will occupy them, and that the jurisdiction of said lands be transferred to States and Territories only on condition that such a disposition be made of them.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Jenkins: The petition of Oliver C. Harris, praying for a renewal of letters patent for a mill for granding paints and indigo: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Henry: The petition of citizens of Windham county, in the State of Vermont, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Grafton to Londonderry, in said State.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Port Washington, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Port Washington to Fond du Lac, in said Territory;

Also, the petition of citizens of Dodge county, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Sheboygan to the county seat of said county;

Also, the petition of citizens of Dodge county, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Summit to Fond du Lac, in said Territory;

Also, the petition of citizens of Rock and Dane counties, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Madison to Janesville, in said Territory.

By Mr. Preston: The petition of citizens of Pocahontas, in the State of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Huntersville, in the county of Pocahontas, to Huttonsville, in Randolph county.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of citizens of Elkhart county, in the State of Indiana, praying for the passage of a law compelling the Post Office Department to assume the responsibility of the safe transmission through the mails of all pre-paid letters.

By Mr. Charles E. Stuart: The petition of citizens of Van Buren county, in the State of Michigan, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Pawpaw, in said county, to Alamo, in Kalamazoo county.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. ————: The petition of Daniel Beaver, praying remuneration for subsistence furnished a company of Ohio volunteers in May, 1847.

By Mr. McLane: The memorial of sundry citizens of the United States, praying for the passage of a law authorizing the purchase of Mount Vernon, in the State of Virginia, in order that the grounds of Washington, with the tomb containing his sacred remains, may be kept in a suitable and proper state of preservation, and no longer left subject to the uncertainties and transfers of private property.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Palfrey: The petition of Betsey Bayne, of Cornville, in the State of Maine—heretofore presented March 17, 1846.

By Mr. Richard W. Thompson: The petition of Philip Slaughter, of Culpepper county, in the State of Virginia, praying for arrears of commutation pay to which he is entitled for his services in the war of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims;

Also, the memorial of W. H. Naylor, praying compensation for labor rendered on the Cumberland road west of Indianapolis: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of inhabitants of Sandwich, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the erection of a light-house on Wing's neck, in Buzzard's bay, in said State.

By Mr. Kaufman: The petition of members of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, praying for a donation of alternate sections of the public lands lying on the east side of the Sabine river, for the purpose of improving the navigation of said river.

By Mr. Gaines: The petition of citizens of Covington, in the State of Kentucky, praying for an appropriation to repair the dam at Cumberland bar, in the Ohio river.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. French: The petition of Uriah Wilson, of the State of Kentucky, praying for a pension, on account of his military services during the Indian war of 1789 and 90.

By Mr. Sidney Lawrence: Additional evidence in the case of the heirs of Joseph Plumb.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and papers be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Hunt: The petition of citizens of Ontario county, in the State of New York, remonstrating against the removal of the United States circuit court from Canandaigua to the city of Rochester: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. French: The petition of John McIntosh, of Estill county, in the State of Kentucky—heretofore presented December 15, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Eckert: Two memorials of citizens of the United States, praying for the passage of an act authorizing the purchase of the estate of Mount Vernon, including the tomb containing the sacred remains of General Washington: which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Slingerland obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 392) to give to actual settlers and cultivators the benefit of limited quantities of the public lands for a nominal compensation, and to prevent speculation in the same: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Kaufman presented resolutions of the Legislature of Texas, in relation to the incorporation of the officers of the late navy of Texas into the navy of the United States: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee have examined an enrolled bill (No. 175) entitled "An act to change the location of certain light-houses and buoys," and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Mr. Bingham presented resolutions of the Legislature of Michigan, for a cession of land for the construction of a canal around the

falls of Sault St. Marie; also, for a grant of land to aid in the construction of the public works in said State; also, asking the construction of a military road from Green bay, Lake Michigan, to Keewaweenow bay, on Lake Superior: which resolutions were referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Goggin—two-thirds voting in favor thereof—it was

*Ordered*, That the bill (No. 180) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes," be the special order of the day for Wednesday next, the 12th instant.

On motion of Mr. Jacob Thompson—two-thirds voting in favor thereof—it was

*Ordered*, That the bills (Nos. 55 and 297) to amend the act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, 1847, be the special order of the day for Tuesday, the 18th instant, to be continued from day to day until disposed of.

The Speaker proceeded to call the committees for reports; when

Mr. Henley, from the Committee on Printing, to which was referred, on the 20th of March last, the resolution as to the expediency of printing an extra number of copies of the message of the President of the United States transmitting the correspondence between the Secretary of War and Generals Scott and Taylor, and the correspondence between General Scott and N. P. Trist, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That ten thousand extra copies of the President's message and the correspondence therewith [of the 20th March last] be printed for the use of the House.

The said resolution was read.

And, after debate,

Mr. Vinton moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 93 / Nays ..... 80

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Thomas H. Bayly | Mr. Robert B. Cranston | Mr. Hugh A. Haralson |
| Henry Bedinger | John D. Cummins | John H. Harmanson |
| Ausburn Birdsall | John R. J. Daniel | Hugh L. W. Hill |
| Thomas S. Bocock | Rudolphus Dickinson | George S. Houston |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | George G. Dunn | Samuel D. Hubbard |
| James B. Bowlin | Joseph E. Edsall | Charles J. Ingersoll |
| Linn Boyd | Thomas O. Edwards | David S. Jackson |
| Samuel B. Bridges | James J. Faran | Andrew Johnson |
| William G. Brown | Winfield S. Featherston | James H. Johnson |
| Charles Brown | Orlando B. Ficklin | Robert W. Johnson |
| Charles W. Cathcart | Richard French | George W. Jones |
| Lucien B. Chase | George Fries | David S Kaufman |
| Franklin Clark | Andrew S. Fulton | William Kennon, jr. |
| Beverly L. Clark | James S. Green | Emile La Sère |
| Howell Cobb | Willard P. Hall | Sidney Lawrence |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | David Hammons | Thomas W. Ligon |

Mr. Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Mr. George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Mr. Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Mr. John W. Farrelly
John Freedley
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Mr. William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Hugh White
James Wilson.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cranston reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 107. A bill making appropriations for the support of the military academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1849;

No. 108. A bill making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1849;

had directed him to report the first mentioned bill (No. 107) without amendment, and that the House had come to no resolution on the last named bill (No. 108.)

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill (No. 107) reported without amendment, and the question was stated on ordering it to be engrossed; when

Mr. Dickey moved to amend the bill, by striking out the 23d and 24th lines of the printed bill, which are as follows: "for expenses of the board of visiters two thousand dollars."

And, after debate, and pending the question on the said amendment,

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at twenty minutes before 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a resolution (No. 15) tendering the congratulations of the American to the French people; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have been notified by the President of the United States that he did, on the 4th instant, approve and sign a bill (S. No. 85) entitled "An act to provide for the compensation of Samuel Leech for services in the investigation of suspended sales in the Mineral Point district, Wisconsin.

And then the Secretary withdrew.

Mr. Vinton, (by leave,) from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 393) making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending 30th of June, 1849: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Vinton, (by leave,) from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 394) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849: which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed, together with certain accompanying documents.

Mr. Vinton, (by leave,) from the same committee, to which was referred the bill (No. 219) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending 30th June, 1849, reported back the same with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said bill and amendments be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed, together with documents accompanying the same.

On motion of Mr. Albert G. Brown, (by leave,)

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be instructed to inquire into the causes of the extraordinary delay in the transaction of business in the Pension office; and that they report at the earliest day practicable such measure as may in their judgment be necessary to ensure a more prompt and efficient disposition of business in that bureau.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell, the House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (H. R. No. 292) to provide for the ventilation of passenger vessels, and for other purposes: when the said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 390) entitled "An act to make Ship island, in the collection district of Pearl river, a port of delivery, and to authorize the appointment of a surveyor for said port, with amendments, and have amended the title thereto; in which amendments I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. James G. Hamton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 150. An act granting a pension to Patrick Walker.

H. R. No. 175. An act to change the location of certain light houses and buoys.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jacob Thompson reported that the committee had had under consideration sundry private bills, and finding itself without a quorum, had caused the roll of members to be called over, and directed him to report the names of the absentees as follows to be entered upon the Journal:

Green Adams, George Ashmun, Archibald Atkinson, Washington Barrow, Richard L. T. Beal, Hiram Belcher, Kingsley S. Bingham, John M. Botts, Nathaniel Boydon, Richard Brodhead, Albert G. Brown, Chester Butler, Richard S. Canby, Asa W. H. Clapp, John D. Cummins, Richard S. Donnell, Daniel Duncan, Garnett Duncan, Joseph E. Edsall, Thomas O. Edwards, Alexander Evans, Nathan Evans, James J. Faran, David Fisher, Thomas S. Flournoy, Andrew S. Fulton, John Gayle, William L. Goggin, Daniel Gott, James S. Green, Artemas Hale, James G. Hampton, Moses Hampton, John H. Harmanson, Samson W. Harris, William T. Haskell, John W. Houston, Charles J. Ingersoll, Alexander Irvin, John Jamieson, Andrew Johnson, George W. Jones, T. Butler King, Daniel P. King, Samuel Lahm, Emile La Sère, William T. Lawrence, John H. Lumpkin, William B. Maclay, James J. McKay, Joseph Mullin, Henry C. Murphy, Henry Nes, William A. Newall, John G. Palfrey, John Pettit, Timothy Pillsbury, Gideon Reynolds, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, Daniel B. St. John, John I. Slingerland, Caleb B. Smith, Charles E. Stuart, John Strohm, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, Robert A. Thompson, Robert Toombs.

A quorum having appeared,

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jacob Thompson reported that the committee had had under consideration sundry private bills, and directed him to report the bill from the Senate

(No. 25) entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Fisher, deceased," with an amendment.

The bill from the Senate (No. 77) entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Engels, senior;

And bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 265. A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Converse, widow of Josiah Converse;

H. R. 270. A bill for the relief of Captain John Percival, captain in the navy of the United States;

H. R. 272. A bill for the relief of H. Carrington, executor of Paulina Le Grand, deceased;

H. R. 276. A bill the relief of Richard Reynolds;

H. R. 277. A bill granting a pension to John Morrison;

H. R. 295. A bill for the relief of William Harding;

H. R. 300. A bill for the relief of John S. Conger;

H. R. 18. A joint resolution for the relief of H. M. Barney;

H. R. 310. A bill for the relief of Sarah D. Caldwell, wife of James H. Brigham;

H. R. 311. A bill for the relief of Edna Hickman, wife of Alexander D. Peck;

H. R. 314. A bill for the relief of William M. Blackford, late chargé d'affaires to the republic of New Grenada;

H. R. 315. A bill for the relief of Francis Hutinack;

H. R. 316. A bill for the relief of Eliza S. Roberts;

H. R. 317. A bill for the relief of Seth Morton;

H. R. 318. A bill for the relief of Joseph Johnson;

H. R. 325. A bill for the relief of Christopher H. Pix, of Texas; severally, without amendment.

Mr. Richardson moved that when the House adjourns to-day, it adjourn to meet on Monday next.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 56 / Nays ..... 97 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Henry Bedinger
Samuel A. Bridges
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
Hugh A. Haralson
William T. Haskell
Washington Hunt

Mr. Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
Robert W. Johnson
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Frederick W. Lord
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Dudley Marvin
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
William A. Richardson
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer

Mr. Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
John Freedley
Mr. Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
James H. Johnson
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Richard K. Meade
Mr. John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St John
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
William Strong
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the several bills reported this day from the Committee of the Whole House; when

The amendment reported to the bill from the Senate (No. 25) was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed and the bill read a third time to-day.

The said amendment being engrossed, the bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment.

The remaining bill from the Senate, (No. 77,) reported from the Committee of the Whole House without amendment, was ordered to be read a third time to-day; and

The bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bills of the House (Nos. 265, 270, 272, 276, 277, 295, 300, 310, 311, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 325) and joint resolution of the House (No. 18) reported without amendment from the Committee of the Whole House, this day, were severally ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills and joint resolution, being engrossed, were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills and resolution.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Faran: The petition of Dennis Pursel—heretofore presented January 6, 1812.

By Mr. Chase: The petition of the heirs of John T. Turner, late a private in the Maryland line, in the army of the revolution, deceased, praying for the bounty land the said deceased was entitled to for his military services.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Cranston: The petition of merchants and other citizens of Nantucket, in the State of Massachusetts, praying the erection of a breakwater near the north-eastern point of the island of Nantucket: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb: The memorial of William J. Price—heretofore presented December 30, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Bingham: The memorial of citizens of the State of Michigan, praying for the construction of a military road from the capital of said State to Sault St. Marie: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Tuck: The memorial of citizens of Randolph, Washington, Marion, Perry, and Jackson counties, in the State of Illinois, praying a repeal of all laws permitting slavery in the District of Columbia, and the enactment of laws prohibiting the slave trade between the States; also, a re-enactment of the principles of the ordinance of 1847, in relation to slavery in the Territories: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Peaslee: The petition of citizens of Dover, in the State of New Hampshire, praying that the laws granting pensions to the widows of revolutionary officers and soldiers may be extended to apply to the widows of officers and soldiers of the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1848.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill (No. 205) entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the brig Palmetto," in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Morehead: The petition of Edmund H. Taylor, administrator of Colonel Francis Taylor, deceased—heretofore presented December 14, 1838.

By Mr. Mullin: The memorial of Augustus Ford, of Sackett's Harbor, in the State of New York, praying for reimbursement of

money erroneously paid as agent of the estate of Henry Eckford, deceased, to Lieutenant Thomas Brownell, as agent of the government of the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Jacob Thompson: The memorial of citizens of Itawamba county, in the State of Mississippi, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Fulton, in said county, to Eastport, in Tishomingo county: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Goggin reported that the committee had had under consideration sundry private bills, and directed him to report bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 53. A bill for the relief of John W. Hockett;

H. R. No. 62. A bill for the relief of James Glynn and others;

And the joint resolution of the House (No. 6) for the relief of J. Melville Gilliss and others;

severally without amendment;

And bill No. 65, for the relief of Charles Reeder, Walter R. Johnson, and Thomas P. Jones, with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bills and resolution: when

The amendments to the said bill (No. 65) were read and agreed to, under the previous question, moved by Mr. John A. Rockwell;

And the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The said bills Nos. 53 and 62, reported without amendment, were severally ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bills being engrossed, were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said joint resolution, (No. 6,) and the question was stated on ordering it to b engrossed: when,

On motion of Mr. Sawyer, the House, at fifteen minutes before 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## MONDAY, April 10, 1848.

Mr. Goggin moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce an amendment to the bill (No. 180) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for

other purposes:" which motion was agreed to—two-thirds voting in favor thereof—and thereupon

Mr. Goggin introduced his said amendment: which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Edwards: The petition of Gardner Herring—heretofore presented January 5, 1846.

By Mr. Sawyer: The petition of David Murphy—heretofore presented February 27, 1846.

By Mr. Collins: The petition of Jonathan M. Young, of Middlebury, in the State of Vermont, an invalid pensioner, praying for arrears of pension, on account of injuries received in the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Nelson: Concurrent resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York, in relation to the passage of an act granting pensions to the widows and orphans of officers and soldiers who fall in battle, or who die of wounds received in the service of the country.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Robert W. Johnson: The memorial of the legal representatives of Major William Armstrong, deceased, praying compensation for extra services rendered by the said Armstrong, late agent for the Choctaw tribe of Indians west of the Mississippi, by acting as principal disbursing agent, agent for the delivery of scrip, and superintendent of emigration: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Waukusha county, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Summit to Fond du Lac: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Marvin: The memorial of citizens of Ontario county, in the State of New York, remonstrating against the removal of the circuit court of the United States from Canandaigua to Rochester: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Winthrop: The petition of Joseph Q. Austin, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the various gallon measures in use in the United States be abolished, and the British imperial gallon substituted.

By Mr. Thurston: The petition of citizens of the State of Rhode Island, praying for the erection of buoys and spindle on reefs at the mouth of Pawcatuck river.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. McClernand: The petition of citizens of Hardin county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the privilege of relocating a section of school land in township 11.

By Mr. Hilliard: The petition of citizens of Russell county, in the State of Alabama, praying for a donation of alternate sections

of the public lands lying on the line of the Girard and Mobile Railroad, to aid in its construction.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did, on the 8th instant, approve and sign a bill (No. 175) entitled "An act changing the location of certain light-houses and buoys."

Mr. Boyd moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of bills and resolutions from the Senate upon the Speaker's table.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 93 / Nays..... 79

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Thomas H. Bayly | Mr. Willard P. Hall | Mr. Henry C. Murphy |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Hugh A. Haralson | Henry Nicoll |
| Henry Bedinger | Thomas J. Henley | Charles H. Peaslee |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | Hugh L. W. Hill | Lucius B. Peck |
| Ausburn Birdsall | George S. Houston | George Petrie |
| Thomas S. Bocock | Samuel W. Inge | John Pettit |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | Alfred Iverson | Samuel O. Peyton |
| James B. Bowlin | David S. Jackson | John S. Phelps |
| Linn Boyd | Timothy Jenkins | James Pollock |
| Samuel A. Bridges | Andrew Johnson | William A. Richardson |
| Richard Brodhead | James H. Johnson | Thomas Richey |
| William G. Brown | Robert W. Johnson | John L. Robinson |
| Albert G. Brown | George W. Jones | William Rockhill |
| Armistead Burt | David S. Kaufman | William Sawyer |
| Charles W. Cathcart | William Kennon, jr. | Richard F. Simpson |
| Lucien B. Chase | Emile La Sère | Alexander D. Sims |
| Franklin Clark | Sidney Lawrence | Robert Smith |
| Beverly L. Clark | Shepherd Leffler | Frederick P. Stanton |
| Howell Cobb | Abraham Lincoln | George A. Starkweather |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | Frederick W. Lord | Charles E. Stuart |
| William Collins | John H. Lumpkin | William Strong |
| John D. Cummins | William B. Maclay | James H. Thomas |
| Rudolphus Dickinson | Robert McClelland | James Thompson |
| George G. Dunn | John A. McClernand | William Thompson |
| Joseph E. Edsall | James McDowell | Benjamin B. Thurston |
| James J. Faran | James J. McKay | Thomas J. Turner |
| Winfield S. Featherston | Job Mann | Abraham W. Venable |
| Orlando B. Ficklin | Richard K. Meade | John Wentworth |
| Richard French | John K. Miller | William W. Wick |
| George Fries | Jonathan D. Morris | James S. Wiley |
| Andrew S. Fulton | Isaac E. Morse | Hezekiah Williams. |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Jacob Collamer | Mr. Nathan Evans |
| Green Adams | Robert B. Cranston | John W. Farrelly |
| George Ashmun | John W. Crisfield | John Freedley |
| John Blanchard | John Crowell | Meredith P. Gentry |
| John M. Botts | John H. Crozier | Joshua R. Giddings |
| Nathaniel Boydon | John Dickey | William L. Goggin |
| Jasper E. Brady | James Dixon | Dudley S. Gregory |
| Aylett Buckner | William Duer | Artemas Hale |
| E. Carrington Cabell | Daniel Duncan | Nathan K. Hall |
| Richard S. Canby | George N. Eckert | David Hammons |
| John G. Chapman | Thomas O. Edwards | William T. Haskell |
| William M. Cocke | Elisha Embree | William Henry |

Mr. Henry W. Hilliard
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John Jamieson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Mr. William Nelson
Henry Nes
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Mr. Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren.

Mr. Andrew Stewart moved that the House, by unanimous consent, proceed to the consideration of the resolution from the Senate, on the Speaker's table, (No. 15) tendering the congratulations of the American to the French people.

Objection being made, Mr. Stewart moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling the House to proceed to the consideration of the said resolution.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended for the purpose aforesaid?

It was decided in the affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 165 / Nays..... 10

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
Mr. John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
John Freedley
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
George S. Houston
Mr. Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin

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| Mr. Richard K. Meade | Mr. John L. Robinson | Mr. William Strong |
| John K. Miller | William Rockhill | Frederick A. Tallmadge |
| Charles S. Morehead | Julius Rockwell | John L. Taylor |
| Jonathan D. Morris | John A. Rockwell | Bannon G. Thibodeaux |
| Isaac E. Morse | David Rumsey, jr. | James H. Thomas |
| Henry C. Murphy | Daniel B. St. John | James Thompson |
| William Nelson | William Sawyer | Jacob Thompson |
| Henry Nes | Augustine H. Shepperd | Richard W. Thompson |
| William A. Newall | Eliakim Sherrill | John B. Thompson |
| Henry Nicoll | Peter H. Sylvester | William Thompson |
| John G. Palfrey | Richard F. Simpson | Benjamin B. Thurston |
| Charles H. Peaslee | Alexander D. Sims | Amos Tuck |
| Lucius B. Peck | Caleb B. Smith | Thomas J. Turner |
| George Petrie | Robert Smith | John Van Dyke |
| John Pettit | Truman Smith | Abraham W. Venable |
| Samuel O. Peyton | Frederick P. Stanton | Cornelius Warren |
| John S. Phelps | George A. Starkweather | John Wentworth |
| James Pollock | Alexander H. Stephens | William W. Wick |
| William B. Preston | Andrew Stewart | James S. Wiley |
| William A. Richardson | Charles E. Stuart | Hezekiah Williams |
| Thomas Richey | John Strohm | Joseph A. Woodward. |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. John M. Botts | Mr. Robert B. Cranston | Mr. Joseph M. Root |
| Nathaniel Boyden | William Henry | Robert Toombs |
| Jasper E. Brady | George P. Marsh | Samuel F. Vinton. |
| Aylett Buckner | | |

The rules being suspended, the House accordingly proceeded to the consideration of the said resolution; when the same was read a first and second time, and the question was stated on ordering the same to a third reading.

And, after debate,

Mr. Stephens moved to amend the resolution, by striking out all after the word "that," in the first section of the same, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"The efforts of France to establish civil liberty upon the basis of a republican form of government command the admiration and receive the warmest sympathies of the American people."

The said amendment was read; when

Mr. Stephens moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said amendment,

And decided in the negative.

The said resolution was then ordered to be read a third time.

And it was thereupon read the third time, and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when

Mr. Howell Cobb moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the said resolution pass?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 173 / Nays..... 2

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Green Adams | Mr. Daniel M. Barringer | Mr. Richard L. T. Beale |
| George Ashmun | Washington Barrow | Henry Bedinger |
| Archibald Atkinson | Thomas H. Bayly | Kingsley S. Bingham |

Mr. Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Jasper E. Brady
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
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Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
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William M. Cocke
William Collins
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
John Freedley
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale

Mr. Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
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Timothy Jenkins
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James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Emile La Sere
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William B Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll

Mr. John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Ehakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Robert B. Cranston Mr. Joseph M. Root

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Robert Smith moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the resolution from the Senate (No. 14) respecting contracts for hemp for the use of the American navy: which motion was disagreed to, two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. Crozier, by leave,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw the papers in the case of the widow of Charles Smith.

The papers were forthwith delivered to Hon. J. H. Crozier.

Mr. Murphy moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to offer a resolution fixing Thursday, the 15th day of June next, as the day for the final adjournment, *sine die*, of the present session of Congress.

And pending the question upon the motion to suspend,

On motion of Mr. Root, the House, at ten minutes before 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, April 11, 1848.

Under the 114th rule of the House, Mr. Albert G. Brown gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill for the relief of the West Feliciana Railroad Company.

Mr. Palfrey moved that the vote by which the House yesterday passed the resolution (No. 15) tendering the congratulations of the American to the French people, be reconsidered.

And, after debate,

Mr. Kaufman moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 123 / Nays ..... 46

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
William Duer

Mr. Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
John Freedley
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Willard P Hall
David Hammons
James G Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
David S Jackson

Mr. Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sere
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton

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| Mr. George Petrie | Mr. Eliakim Sherrill | Richard W. Thompson |
| Samuel O. Peyton | Alexander D. Sims | John B. Thompson |
| John S. Phelps | Ephraim K. Smart | William Thompson |
| James Pollock | Robert Smith | Benjamin B. Thurston |
| William B. Preston | Frederick P. Stanton | Patrick W. Tompkins |
| William A. Richardson | George A. Starkweather | Abraham W. Venable |
| Thomas Richey | Andrew Stewart | John Wentworth |
| John L. Robinson | Charles E. Stuart | William W Wick |
| William Rockhill | William Strong | James S. Wiley |
| Daniel B. St. John | James H. Thomas | Hezekiah Williams |
| William Sawyer | James Thompson | David Wilmot |
| Augustine H. Shepperd | Jacob Thompson | Joseph A. Woodward. |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Garnett Duncan | Mr. Harvey Putnam |
| George Ashmun | Nathan Evans | Julius Rockwell |
| John Blanchard | Meredith P. Gentry | Joseph M. Root |
| John M. Botts | Joshua R Giddings | David Rumsey, jr. |
| Nathaniel Boydon | Dudley S. Gregory | Peter H. Sylvester |
| Jasper E. Brady | Artemas Hale | Caleb B. Smith |
| Richard S. Canby | Nathan K. Hall | John Strohm |
| Thomas L. Clingman | William Henry | Frederick A. Tallmadge |
| William M. Cocke | Samuel D. Hubbard | John L. Taylor |
| Jacob Collamer | Charles Hudson | Robert Toombs |
| Harmon S. Conger | Orlando Kellogg | Amos Tuck |
| Robert B. Cranston | Abraham R. McIlvaine | John Van Dyke |
| John Crowell | George P. Marsh | Samuel F. Vinton |
| John H. Crozier | William Nelson | Cornelius Warren |
| James Dixon | John G. Palfrey | Hugh White. |

Mr. Kaufman moved, at 3 o'clock and seven minutes, that the House adjourn; which motion was not agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 8) entitled "An act relating to the collection district of New Orleans, and for other purposes."

They have disagreed to the amendments of the House to the bill from the Senate (No. 39) entitled "An act to provide additional examiners in the Patent office, and for other purposes."

They have agreed to the amendment of the House to the bill of the Senate (No. 25) entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Fisher, deceased."

The Senate have been notified by the President of the United States that he did, on the 8th instant, approve and sign the bill (No. 150) entitled "An act granting a pension to Patrick Walker."

And then the Secretary withdrew.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 25. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Fisher, deceased, and

S. No. 77. An act for the relief of Peter Engels, senior;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 107) making appropriations for the support of the military academy.

The question being on the motion made by Mr. Dickey on the

6th instant to strike out the 23d and 24th lines of the printed bill, which are as follows: "for expenses of the board of visitors, two thousand dollars;" and

Thereupon, at the suggestion of Mr. McKay,

Mr. Dickey modified his said motion, by moving to strike out the said 23d and 24th lines, as above stated, and inserting at the end of the bill the following as an additional section:

"*Be it further enacted*, That the 2d section of the act entitled 'An act making appropriations for the support of the military academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1847, approved the 8th of August, 1846, and providing for the appointment of a board of visitors,' be, and the same is hereby, repealed."

The said amendment was read: when

Mr. McKay moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered to be *now* put: when

Mr. Haralson moved that the last mentioned vote be reconsidered; which motion was not agreed to; and

The main question was then put, Will the House agree to the said amendment of Mr. Dickey as modified?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 76 / Nays ..... 84

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Charles Brown
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Daniel Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
John Freedley
Richard French

Mr. Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
David Hammons
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
James Pollock

Mr. Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
Julius Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall

Mr. Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Samuel A. Bridges
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt

Mr. E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield

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| Mr. William Duer | Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll | Mr. William B. Preston |
| Garnett Duncan | David S. Jackson | Harvey Putnam |
| George G. Dunn | John W. Jones | William A. Richardson |
| George N. Eckert | David S. Kaufman | William Rockhill |
| Elisha Embree | Orlando Kellogg | John A. Rockwell |
| Alexander Evans | Emile La Sère | David Rumsey, jr. |
| Andrew S. Fulton | Shepherd Leffler | Daniel B. St. John |
| John P. Gaines | Thomas W. Ligon | Caleb B. Smith |
| Daniel Gott | William B. Maclay | Frederick P. Stanton |
| Dudley S. Gregory | James McDowell | Alexander H. Stephens |
| Willard P. Hall | Robert M. McLane | William Strong |
| Nathan K. Hall | George P. Marsh | Frederick A. Tallmadge |
| James G. Hampton | Dudley Marvin | John L. Taylor |
| Hugh A. Haralson | Isaac E. Morse | James H. Thomas |
| Samson W. Harris | Henry C. Murphy | Richard W. Thompson |
| William Henry | William Nelson | John Van Dyke |
| Henry W. Hilliard | William A. Newall | Abraham W. Venable |
| Elias B. Holmes | Henry Nicoll | Samuel F. Vinton |
| Charles Hudson | Lucius B. Peck | Cornelius Warren |
| Washington Hunt | John S. Pendleton | Hugh White |
| Samuel W. Inge | George Petrie | William W. Wick. |

The said bill was then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day; and

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Botts: The petition of citizens of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a breakwater near the northeast point of the island of Nantucket, in the State of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Nicoll: The petition of citizens of the city and State of New York, praying for the erection of a light-house on Flynn's knoll, in New York bay.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Boyd: The petition of William S. Ross, praying that scrip may be issued in his name in lieu of a land warrant given by the commonwealth of Virginia to Captain Thomas Warman, deceased, on account of his services during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. A. G. Brown: The petition of citizens of the United States, praying that the Mount Vernon estate may be purchased by the government of the United States.

By Mr. Putnam: The joint resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York, in relation to granting pensions to widows and orphans of officers and soldiers who fall or die of wounds received in battle.

*Ordered*, That said petition and resolutions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Marsh: The petition of Robert Beach, of Williston, in the State of Vermont, praying for increase of pension on account of his services in the war of the revolution.

By Mr. S. Lawrence: The petition of Uriah Kingsley, of Franklin county, in the State of New York, praying for arrears of pension on account of his services during the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Additional evidence in the case of Squire Ferris.

By Mr. McLane: Additional evidence in the case of Richard Pattison.

*Ordered*, That said petition and papers be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Hammons: The memorial of Francis Tribon, of Monroe, in the State of Maine, praying for a pension on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Nicoll: The memorial of Gilbert Davis and others, citizens of the city and State of New York, praying that the tariff may be so amended as to permit the importation of spirits in cases of no less than two dozen in each without changing the duties: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Kennon: The memorial of citizens of Harrison county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a reduction of postage and an unconditional abolishment of the franking privilege: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Morse: The memorial of J. Burrows Hyde, praying that the patent laws may be so amended as to place English inventors on the same footing as other foreigners in obtaining patents in the United States: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Botts: The memorial of enlisted men of the United States Ordnance department stationed at Washington arsenal, in the District of Columbia, praying to be placed on a footing with troops of the line, so far as relates to bounty land and pensions: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Marsh: The memorial of citizens of Ferrisburgh, in the State of Vermont, praying for the restoration of peace with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 3 o'clock and thirty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock meridian.

## WEDNESDAY, April 12, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Goggin, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Burt reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (H. R. No. 180) to amend the act to provide for the transportation of the mails between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes, and the bill (H. R. No. 108) making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending 30th June, 1849, had directed him to report the first mentioned bill No. 180 with

amendments, and that the committee had come to no resolution on the last named bill (No. 108).

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, (No. 180,) the question being on the said amendment, which was stated; when

Mr. Goggin moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the said amendment was agreed to; and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read the third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled resolution of the Senate (No. 15) tendering the congratulations of the American to the French people, and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said resolution.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Brady: The petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Lieutenant Robert Allison—heretofore presented May 15, 1846.

By Mr. Nes: The petition of Nathaniel Bailey—heretofore presented January 22, 1847.

By Mr. Truman Smith: The petition of Julia F. Gibbs, widow of Samuel Gibbs, deceased, praying for a pension, on account of the revolutionary services of her late husband.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Kaufman: The petition of William R. Baker, praying relief, on account of the non-fulfilment of a contract made with Robert Baker for furnishing wheels and looms to the Choctaw Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of John Davenport—heretofore presented April 18, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Gaines: The memorial of George P. Smith, of Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, late quartermaster in the service of the United States, and captured by the Mexicans, praying relief, on account of having lost his vouchers at the time of his capture: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Nicoll: The memorial of citizens of the city and State of New York, praying for the erection of a breakwater on the northeast point of Nantucket island, in the State of Massachusetts: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Phelps: The petition of citizens of Hickory county, in the State of Missouri, praying to be permitted to select section 29 in lieu of section 16, in township 38.

By Mr. Andrew Stewart: The petition of Silas Reed, praying for an investigation into the official conduct of F. R. Conway, surveyor general of the States of Illinois and Missouri.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## THURSDAY, April 13, 1848.

*Ordered*, That Mr. T. Butler King, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, Mr. Horace Mann, Mr. Morse, Mr. Hilliard, Mr. Sims, Mr. Preston, and Mr. Murphy, be the select committee on the memorial of John Jay, a citizen of New York, in favor of an international copy-right law, presented on the 22d of March last.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday present to the President of the United States bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 25. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Fisher, deceased.

No. 77. An act for the relief of Peter Engels, senior.

Mr. Horace Mann, a member elect from the State of Massachusetts, in the place of John Quincy Adams, deceased, appeared, was sworn to support the Constitution of the United States, and took his seat in the House.

Mr. Featherston, in pursuance of previous notice, obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 395) for the relief of certain citizens of the county of Lowndes, in the State of Mississippi: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Tallmadge, in pursuance of previous notice, obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 396) to establish a branch mint of the United States in the city of New York: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Stanton, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the letter from the Secretary of the Navy, of the 31st of March last, transmitting copies of a correspondence in regard to astronomical measurements, and intimately connected with navigation, made a report thereon, accompanied by an amendment to the bill (No. 219) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1849: which amendment was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Collamer, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the papers of William Champlin be taken from the files of the House, for the purpose of being used as evidence before the Commissioner of Pensions.

Thereupon the papers in the case were delivered to Hon. Jacob Collamer.

Mr. Caleb B. Smith, by leave, from the Committee on Territories, reported a bill (No. 397) for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union: which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Rhett, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims do inquire into the expediency of allowing, to the heirs of Captain John D. Treville, a captain in the 4th regiment of artillery of the South Carolina line, commutation pay, on account of the military services of the said John D. Treville in the revolution.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

No. 30. An act for the relief of Commodore Foxall A. Parker, of the United States navy;

No. 177. An act to declare the true intent and meaning, so far as respects the franking privilege of members of Congress, of the act approved the 1st of March, 1847, and entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the Post Office Department,' passed third of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and for other purposes;"

No. 213. An act for the relief of Christopher Cunningham;

No. 215. An act for the relief of Jose Argote Villalobos, Marie Rose, and François Felix, Marquis de Fougeres, or their heirs or legal representatives;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (H. R. No. 8) entitled "An act relating to the collection district of New Orleans, and for other purposes," and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Sawyer: The petition of citizens of Defiance, in the State of Ohio, praying that the canal lands in that part of said State may be reduced to one dollar per acre.

By Mr. Featherston: The petition of citizens of Lowndes county, in the State of Mississippi, praying for relief, in relation to a section of school land in fractional township 19, south of range 18 west.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of Lewis Kennedy and Henry Gaither & Company, praying for a grant of ten acres of land on Cedar keys, in the State of Florida, on which to erect saw-mills and planing machines;

Also, the petition of M. C. Peterson and Peter W. Law, and citizens of Benton county, in the State of Florida, praying for an amendatory law to the acts concerning the armed occupation of Florida, so that the said Peterson and Law may be entitled to the benefits thereof.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

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* The papers of Captain John D. Treville are with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

By Mr. William Thompson: The petition of Josiah M. Caskey, of Beaver county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for a revision of the laws in relation to fugitives from justice: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of John M. Hanson, of St. Augustine, in the State of Florida, praying compensation for work done on the sea wall at St. Augustine;

Also, the petition of Joseph Sierra, of the State of Florida, praying for the payment of three years' rent of rooms, for the use of the United States district court of West Florida.

By Mr. Green: The petition of George Sexton, of the Territory of Wisconsin—heretofore presented April 28, 1846.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The petition of Norman Goodsell—heretofore presented December 29, 1848.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Chapman: The memorial of the corporation of Washingington, in the District of Columbia, praying for an appropriation of money and land to aid public schools in said city;

Also, the petition of citizens of the eastern section of the District of Columbia, praying that the eastern branch bridges in said district may be made free.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. McClernand: The petition of citizens of Marion, Wayne, and Hamilton counties, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Hickory hill, in Marion county, to McLeanboro', in Hamilton county.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of citizens of Jackson county, in the State of Florida, praying for the release of a judgment in favor of the United States against the estates of Charles Matthews and Isaac L. Battle, deceased.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Crowell: The memorial of citizens of Summit county, in the State of Ohio, praying for Congress, at its present session, to set apart the strip of land prayed for by Asa Whitney to aid in constructing a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific: which was referred to the select committee on Whitney's railroad.

By Mr. Schenck: The petition of Martha Damazon, of the State of Virginia, late widow of Lieutenant Christopher Tompkins—heretofore presented February 6, 1840: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Andrew Stewart: The petition of citizens of Belmont county, in the State of Ohio, praying the impeachment of the President of the United States for having, as they allege, involved the United States unconstitutionally in a war, and given "aid and comfort to the enemy," by permitting Santa Anna to pass into Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Richard W. Thompson, the House proceeded

to the consideration of the report of the Committee of Elections on the memorial of James Monroe contesting the election of David S. Jackson, of the State of New York; and the resolutions submitted in said report were read, and are as follows, viz:

*Resolved*, That David S. Jackson is not entitled to his seat in this House, as a Representative from the sixth congressional district of the State of New York.

*Resolved*, That James Monroe is entitled to the seat now occupied in this House by David S. Jackson, as a Representative from the sixth congressional district of the State of New York.

The question was stated, Will the House agree to the said resolutions?

And, after debate,

Mr. Wentworth moved a call of the House.

And the question being put, Shall there be a call?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 76 / Nays ..... 95

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. Samson W. Harris | Mr. John S. Phelps |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Hugh L. W. Hill | William A. Richardson |
| Richard L. T. Beale | George S. Houston | Thomas Richey |
| Ausburn Birdsall | Samuel W. Inge | John L. Robinson |
| James B. Bowlin | Alfred Iverson | William Rockhill |
| Linn Boyd | David S. Jackson | William Sawyer |
| Richard Brodhead | John Jamieson | Richard F. Simpson |
| Armistead Burt | Timothy Jenkins | Alexander D. Sims |
| Chester Butler | James H. Johnson | Ephraim K. Smart |
| Charles W. Cathcart | George W. Jones | Robert Smith |
| Lucien B. Chase | William Kennon, jr. | George A. Starkweather |
| Franklin Clark | Emile La Sere | Charles E. Stuart |
| Beverly L. Clark | Sidney Lawrence | William Strong |
| Howell Cobb | Shepherd Leffler | James H. Thomas |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | Thomas W. Ligon | James Thompson |
| John R. J. Daniel | Frederick W. Lord | Jacob Thompson |
| Rudolphus Dickinson | John H. Lumpkin | William Thompson |
| Winfield S. Featherston | Job Mann | Benjamin B. Thurston |
| Orlando B. Ficklin | John K. Miller | Thomas J. Turner |
| Richard French | Jonathan D. Morris | Abraham W. Venable |
| John Gayle | Henry C. Murphy | John Wentworth |
| William L. Goggin | Henry Nicoll | William W. Wick |
| James S. Green | Charles H. Peaslee | James S. Wiley |
| Willard P. Hall | Lucius B. Peck | Hezekiah Williams |
| David Hammons | Samuel O. Peyton | Joseph A. Woodward. |
| Hugh A. Haralson | | |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Aylett Buckner | Mr. William Duer |
| Green Adams | E. Carrington Cabell | Daniel Duncan |
| Daniel M. Barringer | Richard S. Canby | Garnett Duncan |
| Washington Barrow | John G. Chapman | George G. Dunn |
| Henry Bedinger | Thomas L. Clingman | George N. Eckert |
| Hiram Belcher | William M. Cocke | Thomas O. Edwards |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | Harmon S. Conger | Elisha Embree |
| John Blanchard | Robert B. Cranston | Alexander Evans |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | John W. Crisfield | Nathan Evans |
| Nathaniel Boydon | John Crowell | John W. Farrelly |
| Jasper E. Brady | John H. Crozier | John Freedley |
| William G. Brown | John Dickey | Andrew S. Fulton |
| Albert G. Brown | James Dixon | Joshua R. Giddings |

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| Mr. Daniel Gott | Mr. James J. McKay | Mr. Peter H. Sylvester |
| Dudley S. Gregory | Horace Mann | Caleb B. Smith |
| Artemas Hale | George P. Marsh | Truman Smith |
| Nathan K. Hall | Dudley Marvin | Alexander H. Stephens |
| William Henry | Richard K. Meade | Andrew Stewart |
| Elias B. Holmes | Isaac E. Morse | John Strohm |
| Samuel D. Hubbard | William Nelson | Frederick A. Tallmadge |
| Charles Hudson | William A. Newall | John L. Taylor |
| Washington Hunt | John G. Palfrey | Bannon G. Thibodeaux |
| Joseph R. Ingersoll | James Pollock | Richard W. Thompson |
| John W. Jones | William B. Preston | Patrick W. Tompkins |
| Orlando Kellogg | R. Barnwell Rhett | Robert Toombs |
| T. Butler King | Julius Rockwell | Amos Tuck |
| Abraham Lincoln | John A. Rockwell | John Van Dyke |
| William B. Maclay | Joseph M. Root | Samuel F. Vinton |
| Robert McClelland | David Rumsey, jr. | Cornelius Warren |
| John A. McClernand | Daniel B. St. John | Hugh White |
| James McDowell | Augustine H. Shepperd | James Wilson. |
| Abraham R. McIlvaine | Eliakim Sherrill | |

And then, on motion of Mr. Van Dyke, the House, at 3 o'clock and five minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## FRIDAY, April 14, 1848.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday present to the President of the United States a resolution of the Senate (No. 15) tendering the congratulations of the American to the French people.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States the bill (No. 8) entitled "An act relating to the collection district of New Orleans, and for other purposes."

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Elections on the memorial of James Monroe, contesting the election of David S. Jackson, of the State of New York; the question being on agreeing to the resolutions submitted in said report, which are as follows:

*Resolved*, That David S. Jackson is not entitled to his seat in this House as a Representative from the sixth congressional district of the State of New York.

*Resolved*, That James Monroe is entitled to the seat now occupied in this House by David S. Jackson as a Representative from the sixth congressional district of the State of New York.

And, after debate,

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morse reported that the committee had had under consideration the bill (H. R. No. 67) for settling the claim of the legal representatives of Richard W. Meade, deceased, and had come to no resolution thereon.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did this day approve and sign a bill entitled "An act relating to the collection district of New Orleans, and for other purposes."

By unanimous consent of the House,

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 30. An act for the relief of Commodore Foxall A. Parker, of the United States navy;

No. 204. An act authorizing the issuing of a register to the brig Palmetto;

No. 213. An act for the relief of Christopher Cunningham;

No. 215. An act for the relief of Jose Argote, Villarabos, Marie Rose, Francis Felix, Marquis de Fougeres, or their heirs or legal representatives;

were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 30. To the Committee on Naval Affairs.

No. 204. To the Committee on Commerce.

No. 213. To the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

No. 215. To the Committee of Claims.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Gott: The petition of Calvin Guiteau, praying for a renewal of letters granted him for an improvement in manufacturing salt: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The petition of G. T. Beyer—heretofore presented February 27, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Andrew Stewart: The petition of Elizabeth Kinney, of the State of Pennsylvania, widow of David Kinney, deceased, praying for a pension on account of the services of her late husband during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of James P. Roans—heretofore presented December 16, 1844: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Root: The petition of citizens of Dedham, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that Congress inquire into and report whether, to what extent, and by what law the slave trade exists and is carried on in the District of Columbia: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Preston: The petition of Ann Royall, widow of William Royall, deceased—heretofore presented December 16, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. John B. Thompson: The petition of Major Cary H. Fry, of the State of Kentucky, praying indemnity for loss of horse and other property in the battle of Buena Vista, in Mexico: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Nicoll: The memorial of William B. Bend, of the city and State of New York, praying for the refunding to him the duties paid on certain goods destroyed by fire: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. William Thompson: The memorial of the "Navigation and Hydraulic Company of the Mississippi Rapids," of Keokuk, in the State of Iowa, praying for a grant of public land to aid in the

improvement of the navigation of said river, by a canal around the rapids: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Dixon: Joint resolutions of the Legislatures of the States of Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, in relation to the distribution of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States in a manner similar to that in which the laws and resolves of the national legislature are distributed: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Atkinson: The memorial of citizens of Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia, praying for an appropriation to repair the bridge leading from the navy yard to Portsmouth: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Maclay: The memorial of citizens of the United States, praying for the purchase of the Mount Vernon estate, in the State of Virginia, by the government of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the joint resolution (No. 6) for the relief of J. Melville Gilliss and others, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the 8th instant; the question being on ordering it to be engrossed, which was stated: when,

On motion, of Mr. Sawyer, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty minutes adjourned, until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## SATURDAY, April 15, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

No. 4. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make an arrangement, or compromise, with Mangle M. Quackenboss and his co-obligors, or any of them, for claims on lands given by them as sureties to the United States;

No. 7. A resolution for the relief of Jonathan Lewis;

No. 43. An act for the relief of Jeanette C. Huntington, widow and sole executrix of William D. Cheever, deceased;

No. 69. An act for the relief of Creed Taylor;

No. 78. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Pistole, widow of Charles Pistole, deceased;

No. 79. An act for the relief of Jesse Turner;

No. 81. An act for the relief of the forward officers of the late exploring expedition;

No. 83. An act for the relief of Joseph F. Caldwell;

No. 86. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Kuykendall;

No. 87. An act granting a pension to Abigail Garland, widow of Jacob Garland, deceased;

No. 88. An act for the relief of Thomas Brownell;

No. 91. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Jones and other children, if any, of John Carr;

No. 92. An act for the relief of Thompson Hutchinson;

No. 94. An act for the relief of Thomas Douglas, late United States attorney for East Florida;

No. 97. An act for the relief of Samuel W. Bell, a native of the Cherokee nation;

No. 101. An act for the relief of Oliver C. Harris;

No. 106. An act to provide for the settlement of the claim of Henry Washington, late a deputy surveyor of the public lands in Florida;

No. 111. An act for the relief of Reynolds May;

No. 114. An act authorizing the purchase of the papers of Alexander Hamilton;

No. 122. An act supplementary to "an act to authorize the Secretary of State to liquidate certain claims therein mentioned," passed 18th of April, 1814;

No. 201. An act to provide for the repair and improvement of the dam at the head of Cumberland island, in the Ohio river;

in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 12th instant, approve and sign bills of the following titles:

No. 25. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Fisher, deceased.

No. 77. An act for the relief of Peter Engels, senior.

Also, that he did, on the 13th instant, approve and sign—

A resolution (No. 15) tendering the congratulations of the American to the French people.

And then the Secretary withdrew.

Mr. Collamer, by leave, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill (No. 398) for the relief of those pre-emption claimants upon the Miami lands in Indiana, who, by their services in the Mexican war, are entitled to bounty lands: which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. John A. Rockwell offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the bill (No. 67) for settling the claim of the legal representatives of Richard W. Meade, deceased, shall cease at two o'clock this day, if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same; and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then lay it aside, to be reported to the House.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that it be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

The House resumed the consideration of the joint resolution (No. 6) for the relief of J. Melville Gilliss and others, which was pend-

ing when the House adjourned yesterday; the question being on ordering it to be engrossed.

And, after debate,

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and

The said resolution was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The resolution, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time: when

Mr. Sawyer moved that it be laid upon the table: which motion was not agreed to.

The question was then put, Shall the joint resolution pass?

And decided in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morse reported that the committee had had under consideration the bill (No. 67) for settling the claim of the legal representatives of Richard W. Meade, deceased, and come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. McKay: The petition of John Plunket, of Fayetteville, in the State of North Carolina, praying indemnity for injuries sustained by an explosion in the laboratory of the arsenal in said State.

By Mr. McClelland: The petition of W. H. Brockway, administrator of John and Susan Johnson, deceased—heretofore presented January 7, 1836.

By Mr. Collins: The petition of Zenas King, of Canton, in the State of New York, praying compensation for his services in aiding the marshal to enforce the neutrality laws on the Canada line during the years 1838 and 1839.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. French: The petition of Sarah Hammond, widow of John Hammond, deceased—heretofore presented December 29, 1845.

By Mr. Collins: The petition of Asa Day, of St. Lawrence county, in the State of New York, praying for a pension on account of his services in the war of the revolution, and also the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Green Bay land district, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for a division of said district: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. La Sère: The petition of Thomas W. Chinn and Micajah Courtney, on behalf of themselves and others, of the State of Louisiana, sureties of Thomas Gibbs Morgan, late collector at New Or-

leans, praying for relief in relation to a judgment obtained against them in the United States court as said sureties: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The petition of chiefs of the different tribes of Indians of the State of New York, praying for relief to the survivors of the New York Indians who emigrated west of the Mississippi, and for the representatives and relations of those who have died: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Bridges: The petition of citizens of Montgomery, Bucks, and Lehigh counties, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Sunnytown, in Montgomery county, to Emans, in Lehigh county.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of Kendall county, in the State of Illinois, praying that the mail route from Ottawa to Cass be extended to Chicago, by way of Flag creek and Lyons.

By Mr. Wiley: The petition of citizens of Piscataquis county, in the State of Maine, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Blanchard to Wilson, in said county.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

And then, on motion of Mr. Jamieson, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1848.

Mr. Clingman moved that the rules of the House be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the President be requested, if not in his opinion incompatible with the public interest, to furnish this House copies of the correspondence between Major General Winfield Scott and the Secretary of War during the months of October and November of the year 1846; and especially copies of any letters or despatches of General Scott bearing date on the 27th of October, the 12th, 16th, and 21st of November, detailing the plan of operations to be formed, and the mode of conducting the war with Mexico, both with reference to movements from the gulf coast and from the Rio Grande; and also the replies of the Secretary of War thereto.

*Resolved, further*, That the President be requested in like manner to furnish copies of any correspondence that may have taken place recently between General Scott and the Secretary of War, with reference to the change of commanders-in-chief in Mexico; and also all letters received from General Scott, either directly from him or transmitted by any other person, dated prior or subsequent to his suspension or removal from the command of the army in the vicinity of Mexico; and also the replies of the Secretary of War thereto; and all other correspondence between General Scott and the Secretary of War not heretofore communicated to Congress.

The resolution was read; and the question being put, Shall the

rules be suspended, for the purpose of permitting the same to be introduced?

It was decided in the affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

Thereupon Mr. Clingman introduced his said resolution, and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when

Mr. Clingman moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the said resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll asked leave to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means ascertain, by consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and otherwise, and report to this House, whether the immediate reduction of fifteen of the thirty per cent. *ad valorem* now imposed as duties on French productions imported into the United States will not, at this crisis in French government, afford great and seasonable relief to the distressed industry of that country, to which this is so much indebted, and also be without disadvantage, if not beneficial, to the revenue, commerce, and general welfare of the United States.

The said resolution was read; and, objection being made to its introduction,

Mr. Ingersoll moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the said resolution; which motion was agreed to—two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Ingersoll thereupon introduced his said resolution, and the question was stated on its passage; when

Mr. Vinton moved to amend the same, by striking out all thereof after the word "House" and inserting the following words: "what modifications it is necessary to make in the tariff act of 1846."

Mr. McLane moved to amend the resolution by striking out all of the same after the word "*Resolved*," and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"That the Committee of Ways and Means inquire into the expediency of adopting the following joint resolution:

"*Resolved*, (*the Senate concurring*,) That from and after the 4th day of July, 1848, all duties now levied by existing laws upon articles imported from the republic of France, the growth and manufacture of said republic, into the United States of America, be, and the same are hereby, repealed; provided the duties now levied by the laws of the said republic upon articles, the growth and manufacture of the United States, imported into the said republic of France, shall be repealed on or before the aforesaid 4th day of July."

The amendment proposed by Mr. Vinton being first in order, the question was stated on agreeing to the same.

And, after debate,

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll moved the previous question.

Mr. Bayly moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 100 / Nays ..... 85

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin

Mr. John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin

Mr. Charles S. Morehead
Henry C. Murphy
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Richard W. Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
Hugh White
James Wilson

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
William Collins
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Daniel Duncan

Mr. Thomas O. Edwards
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
George Fries
John P. Gaines
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Charles Hudson
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King

Mr. Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston

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| Mr. Patrick W. Tompkins | Mr. John Van Dyke | Mr. William W. Wick |
| Robert Toombs | Samuel F. Vinton | James S. Wiley |
| Amos Tuck | Cornelius Warren | Joseph A. Woodward. |
| Thomas J. Turner | John Wentworth | |

Mr. Botts moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the President be requested to inform this House whether Major General Winfield Scott, commander-in-chief of the United States forces in Mexico, has been arrested or suspended from command; and, if suspended from duty and the exercise of his responsible functions, that the President be further requested to inform this House whether such suspension was occasioned by any breach of orders, violation or neglect of duty, or for powers assumed by said commander in conducting the war with Mexico; and, if so, to state the nature of such breach of orders, violation or neglect of duty, or assumption of power, or what other high military offence has been imputed to the said commander-in-chief, and which, in the opinion of the President, rendered it necessary or expedient, at such a conjuncture of affairs, in time of active operations in the heart of the enemy's country, after a campaign among the most brilliant and successful recorded on the page of history, to deprive the republic of the eminent and valuable services of Major General Scott, to whom the representatives of the people have unanimously voted their thanks, with a medal "as a testimony of the high sense entertained by CONGRESS of his valor, *skill*, and *judicious conduct*, in the memorable campaign of 1847."

*Resolved*, That the President be requested to cause to be furnished to this House a copy of the charges and specifications, if any, which have been filed against *Brevet* Major General Worth by Major General Scott, and by him transmitted to the Secretary of War, for trial by general court martial; and that the President be further requested to inform this House whether he has disallowed the charges preferred by the commander-in-chief against a subordinate officer under his command, or whether he has appointed a general court martial for the trial of the said *Brevet* Major General Worth, in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the law, which in such cases declares "that whenever a general officer, commanding an army, or a colonel, commanding a department, shall be the accuser or prosecutor of any officer of the army, the general court martial for the trial of such officer *shall be appointed by the President of the United States*;" and, if not, what good reason existed for disregarding the charges of Major General Scott, the superior, *vs.* Brevet Major General Worth, the inferior officer, while Major General Scott is brought before a court of inquiry in Mexico, upon the charges preferred by said Brevet Major General Worth against his commander-in-chief, General Scott.

The said resolution was read;

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended for the purpose of permitting the same to be introduced,

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas ..... 106 / Nays ..... 74

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
Alexander Evans
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy

Mr. John Freedley
Richard French
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead

Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
William A. Newall
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
Rudolphus Dickinson
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green
Hugh A. Haralson

Mr. Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Isaac E. Morse

Mr. Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Boyd moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of

proceeding to the consideration of bills and resolutions from the Senate upon the Speaker's table.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 97 / Nays..... 85

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
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Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton

Mr. John P. Gaines
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
David S. Jackson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
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William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade

Mr. John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas S. Bocock
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boyden
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
William Duer

Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard

Mr. Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
William A. Newall
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell

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| Mr. Joseph M. Root | Mr. Alexander H. Stephens | Mr. Robert Toombs |
| David Rumsey, jr. | Andrew Stewart | Amos Tuck |
| Daniel B. St. John | John Strohm | Samuel F. Vinton |
| Augustine H. Shepperd | Frederick A. Tallmadge | Cornelius Warren |
| Eliakim Sherrill | John L. Taylor | Hugh White |
| Peter H. Sylvester | Richard W. Thompson | James Wilson. |
| Caleb B. Smith | | |

Mr. Vinton moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the bill making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, A. D. 1849;

The bill regulating the appointment of clerks in the executive departments, and for other purposes;

The bill making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849;

The bill making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849;

The bill making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849;

The bill making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849; and

The bill making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June, 1849, and for other purposes, be severally made the special order of the day for Wednesday next, at 1 o'clock, p. m., to be considered in the order named above; and that they continue to be the special order of the day, at the same hour of the day, for every day thereafter, Fridays and Saturdays excepted, till the said bills shall have been finally disposed of.

The said resolution was read.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Vinton accordingly introduced his said resolution, and the question was stated on agreeing thereto; when

Mr. Ficklin moved to amend the same, by adding thereto bills of the following titles:

H. R. No. 201. A bill to establish the territorial government of Oregon; and

S. No. 10. An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force.

The question was stated on agreeing to the said amendment; when

Mr. Collamer moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and stated, viz: Will the House agree to the said amendment moved by Mr. Ficklin; when

A division of the question upon the said amendment was demanded; and

The same being divided, so much thereof as embraces the bill (No. 201) to establish the territorial government of Oregon was agreed to; and

The question was put, Will the House agree to the residue of the said amendment, to wit, the bill from the Senate (No. 10) entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force,"

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 97 / Nays ..... 90

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel B. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
George G. Dunn
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines

Mr. James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
David S. Jackson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller

Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey

Mr. Mr. William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard

Mr. Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
William A. Newall
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell

Mr. John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Mr. Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
Mr. John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

So the said amendment was agreed to.

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the said resolution as amended,

And decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas ..... 74 / Nays ..... 101

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Kingsley S. Bingham
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
Rudolphus Dickinson
George G. Dunn
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
James S. Green
Mr. Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
David S. Jackson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Samuel F. Vinton
William W. Wick.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
Ausburn Birdsall
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
Mr. John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Mr. James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin.

Mr. Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
William A. Newall
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
William B. Preston
Julius Rockwell
Mr. John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
Mr. John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Horace Mann: Six memorials of citizens of the State of Massachusetts, praying for the passage of a law establishing a uniform rate of postage, not to exceed one cent on newspapers and two cents on each prepaid letter of half an ounce for all distances.

By Mr. Richey: The petition of citizens of Muskingum and Morgan counties, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Chandlersville, in Muskingum county, to Haskinsville, in Morgan county.

By Mr. Murphy: The petition of citizens of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, praying for a uniform rate of postage throughout the Union, and the abolishment of the franking privilege.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Tuck: The petition of citizens of Lancaster county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the abolishment of slavery in the District of Columbia, and the prohibition of it in the Territories belonging to or hereafter acquired by the United States: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Speaker Winthrop: The petition of citizens of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the erection of a breakwater near the northeast point of the island of Nantucket, in said State;

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of Massachusetts of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The petition of George T. Raub, praying that an appropriation be made to purchase the use of "Raub's safety-valve" for the general government: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Hubbard: The petition of citizens of Middletown, in the State of Connecticut, praying for the abolishment of the slave trade in the District of Columbia: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of John Campbell and Co., of Pensacola, in the State of Florida, praying compensation for subsistence furnished a company of troops commanded by Captain W. W. Kelly, in 1847: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Winthrop: The memorial of J. Burrows Hyde, praying

that all foreign inventors may be placed on an equal footing as it regards the obtaining letters patent for their inventions in the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Collins: The petition of citizens of Lewis county, in the State of New York, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Copenhagen to Lorrain, in said county: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of Thatcher Morgoun, of Medford, in the State of Massachusetts, remonstrating against the admission of lumber, manufactured in New Brunswick, free of duty into the ports of the United States.

By Mr. Hubbard: The petition of citizens of the State of Connecticut, praying for the erection of a breakwater on the northeast point of Nantucket island, in the State of Massachusetts.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. McKay,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the collation, digest, and revision of the public laws of the United States now in force, and including those which may be enacted by the present Congress; that, in doing this, the different acts and parts of acts which, from similarity of subject, ought to be so arranged and consolidated, be collected and reduced into one, distributing the same under such titles, divisions, and sections as may be proper, omitting all such acts and parts of acts before passed as shall have either expired by their own limitation, become obsolete, or been repealed, inserting in the body of the revised statutes such new provisions as may be proper and judicious; and that said revision be completed in every other respect in such manner as shall seem most useful and proper, to render said statutes more plain and easily to be understood.

Mr. Hunt moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That House bills Nos. 168, 169, and 176, for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers therein named, be made the special order of the day for Tuesday, the 8th day of May next, and each day thereafter until said bills are finally disposed of.

The said resolution was read;

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended, for the purpose of permitting the same to be introduced?

It was decided in negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof,

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| Yeas | 95 |
| Nays | 71 |

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Nathaniel Boydon | Mr. Jacob Collamer |
| George Ashmun | Jasper E. Brady | William Collins |
| Washington Barrow | Aylett Buckner | Harmon S. Conger |
| Hiram Belcher | Richard S. Canby | John H. Crozier |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | Charles W. Cathcart | John Dickey |
| John Blanchard | John G. Chapman | William Duer |
| John M. Botts | Thomas L. Clingman | Daniel Duncan |
| James B. Bowlin | William M. Cocke | Garnett Duncan |

Mr. George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
John Freedley
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Mr. Robert W. Johnson
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
William Nelson
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Mr. Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John D. Cummins
Rudolphus Dickinson
Nathan Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
David S. Jackson
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce a resolution instructing the Committee on Rules to inquire into the expediency of rescinding the 135th rule of the House: which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. T. Butler King moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling the House to proceed to the consideration of the resolution from the Senate (No. 14) respecting contracts for hemp for the use of the American navy;

And, pending the question on the said motion to suspend the rules,

On motion of Mr. Howell Cobb, the House, at 2 o'clock and thirty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1848.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Strohm: The petition of the heirs of Andrew Snyder, deceased—heretofore presented April 28, 1846.

By Mr. Hammons: The petition of Abigail Edgerly, of Livingston, in the State of Maine, widow of Richard Edgerly, deceased, praying for the arrears of pension that she and her late husband are entitled on account of the services of the said Edgerly in the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Richard W. Thompson: The petition of the heirs and legal representatives of John Oldham, deceased, praying for the arrears of pension which the said Oldham was entitled for his services during the revolutionary war.

*Ordered*, That said resolutions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Franklin Clark: The petition of William Gott, of Leeds, in the State of Maine, praying for a pension on account of disease and infirmities brought on by hardships and exposure during the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Hammons: The petition of David Fowle—heretofore presented January 6, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: Joint resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York in favor of granting to the widows and orphans of soldiers who fall in battle pensions equal to the pay proper of such officers and soldiers: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Marvin: The petition of citizens of Ontario county, in the State of New York, remonstrating against the removal of the circuit court of the United States from Canandaigua to Rochester, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Dixon: The petition of Betsey Hawley, of Norwalk, in the State of Connecticut, praying for an examination of the archives of the State Department for documents relating to the settlement of the estate of her brother, Captain Isaac P. Hawley, who died at Porto Bello: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The petition of citizens of Rush, in the State of New York, praying that the public lands be laid out in farms and lots for the free use of such citizens as will occupy them, not possessed of other land.

By Mr. William Thompson: The petition of citizens of the State of Iowa, praying relief in relation to persons who have deposited money under certain circumstances with William Ross, late register of the land office at Fairfield, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Moses Hamption: The petition of citizens of Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for an appropriation to repair the breach in the dam at the head of Cumberland island, across a portion of the Ohio river.

By Mr. Bayly: The petition of citizens of Accomac and Northampton counties, in the State of Virginia, praying for the erection of a light-house on Sand Shoal island, in the Atlantic ocean.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of citizens of Beverly, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the duty on imported fish be made specific, and at the same rate as by the tariff of 1842.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The petition of the board of trade of the city of Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the passage of a law which shall more effectually secure the lives and property hazarded by the explosion of steamboat boilers on the western lakes and rivers.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: Two memorials of citizens of Andover and Reading, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the passage of an act establishing a uniform rate of cheap postage: which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Alexander Evans moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative.

The Speaker announced, as the business first in order, the report from the Committee on Elections upon the memorial of James Monroe, contesting the election of David S. Jackson as a member of the House from the State of New York; and, thereupon,

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the consideration of the said report be postponed for one hour, for the purpose of calling committees for reports; which motion was agreed to: and

The first business in order being a resolution reported from the Committee on Printing, on the 6th instant, to print ten thousand extra copies of the President's message transmitting the correspondence between the Secretary of War and Major General Scott, and between General Scott and N. P. Trist; Mr. Clingman moved that the consideration of the said report be postponed one week: which motion was agreed to.

The Speaker proceeded to call the committees for reports: when

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Wiltshire Minor, David Cook, Richard L. Scheiffelin, J. P. McElrath, and Joseph Ingle, the legal representatives of William H. Freeman and Ebenezer Hazard: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of the legal representatives of Oliver Lee, accompanied by a bill (No. 339) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of John H. Baker, accompanied by a bill (No. 400) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crowell, from the Committee of Claims, made adverse reports upon the petitions of James H. Chezum, Lewis F. Beeler and others, and Daniel G. Garnsey: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crowell, from the same committee, moved to be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of William Greer, George J. Knight, Wesley Leake, and Leonard P. Cheatham, and that they be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Daniel, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Joshua Barney, United States agent, accompanied by a bill (No. 401) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Daniel, from the same committee, moved that the committee be discharged from the consideration of the petition of George W. Biscoe, and that it be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Ligon, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Eleanor B. Watkins, widow of Gassaway Watkins, accompanied by a bill (No. 402) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Samuel A. Grier, accompanied by a bill (No. 403) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Dunn,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Dubuque, Iowa, praying Congress to donate a certain dredge-boat to said city, and that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Dunn,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the petition of George S. Claflin, and that it be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Dunn, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Caleb Bell, administrator of Mathew Bell: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Hunt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from consideration of the petition of Edward J. Chase, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also, from the petition

of members of the Legislature of Louisiana, for a donation of alternate sections of the public lands lying on the east side of the Sabine river, for the purpose of improving the navigation of said river, and that it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Hunt, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate No. 204, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the brig Palmetto," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time.

And thereupon the said bill was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Thibodeaux, from the Committee on Commerce, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 404. A bill relating to the collection district of Pearl river, in the State of Mississippi;

No. 405. A bill to establish a collection district in the State of New York;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the petition of the citizens of Ozark county, in the State of Missouri, reported a bill (No. 406) to authorize the citizens of Ozark county, in the State of Missouri, to enter forty acres of land for a county site in said county: which bill was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Putnam, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill (No. 80) to promote the education of the indigent deaf and dumb, reported the same back with an amendment, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Nathan Evans,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the resolutions of the Legislatures of the States of Georgia and New Jersey, relative to Asa Whitney's plan of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean, and that it be referred to the select committee on the same subject.

Mr. Putnam, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (No. 223) to remove the land office from Upper Sandusky to Defiance, in the State of Ohio, made an adverse report thereon: which was ordered to be laid upon the table.

Mr. Putnam, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill (No. 11) from the Senate, entitled "An act to compensate John M. Moore," reported the same back without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was committed to a Com-

mittee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Garnett Duncan,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of the House passed March 13, 1848, relative to reviving and extending the act of 27th July, 1842, allowing five years for the issue and location of late war bounty land warrants, and that the same be laid upon the table.

Mr. Garnett Duncan, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill (No. 407) to remove the land office from Newnansville to Ocala, in the State of Florida, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Garnett Duncan,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the heirs of Henry White, deceased, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Garnett Duncan, from the Committee on Public Lands, made adverse reports upon the petitions of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Burlington, in the State of Iowa; citizens of the county of Lee, in the State of Illinois; and resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Florida: which were severally laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Garnett Duncan,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Florida, relative to the draining of the everglades in South Florida, and the petition of the citizens of Wisconsin, relative to the pre-emption law of 1841, and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Garnett Duncan, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill (No. 140) for the relief of Shadrach Gillet and others, moved that the committee be discharged from the consideration of the same: which motion was agreed to, and he thereupon reported a bill (No. 408) to reserve the islands in the Detroit straits from entry, survey, or sale: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Root, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill (No. 119) from the Senate entitled "An act in amendment of an act entitled 'An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department,' passed the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five,'" reported the same back with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; when

The said amendments were read and agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The said amendments being engrossed, the bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the amendments to the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Embree,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of St. Joseph's county, in the State of Michigan, relative to an increase of the pay of the postmaster at Mottville, in said county, and the memorial and resolution of the Legislature of the State of Florida relative to a mail route from Chattahoochie to Pensacola; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. St. John, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, made an adverse report upon the petition of Peters, Moore, and Company: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chapman, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House furnish to the warden of the penitentiary of the District of Columbia fifty copies of the report of the officers of said penitentiary, made at the present session of Congress, out of the number of said report ordered to be printed by the House, to be distributed according to the usage of the managers of the penitentiary.

Mr. McDowell, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of James Dixon, accompanied by a bill (No. 409) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill (No. 410) to regulate the fees for the location of military land warrants; which was read a first and second time; and the question was stated on ordering it to be engrossed: when

Mr. Pettit moved to amend the bill, by striking out the words "person making the same," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "*government*;"

And, after debate,

Mr. Pollock moved that the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed: which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Tallmadge,

*Ordered*, That the Committee for the District of Columbia be discharged from the consideration of the memorial of citizens of the city of Washington for the incorporation of the Builders' Association, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (No. 411) to regulate proceedings in admiralty, and for other purposes: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Josiah McCasky, and that it be laid on the table.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made a report upon the bill from the Senate (No. 75) entitled "An act for the relief of Richard Bloss and others, (reported from the said committee on the 29th of February last.)

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill of the Senate (No. 204) entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the brig Palmetto," and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

The hour for which the consideration of the report from the Committee on Elections upon the memorial of James Monroe, contesting the election of David S. Jackson, the sitting member from New York, was postponed, having expired.

Mr. Alexander Evans moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, for the purpose of considering the special order for this day: which motion was not agreed to; and

The House then resumed the consideration of the said report from the Committee on Elections upon the memorial of James Monroe;

The question being on agreeing to the resolutions reported by the said Committee on Elections.

And, after debate,

On motion by Mr. Green, the House, at ten minutes before 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1848.

Mr. Bocock moved that the vote by which the House yesterday passed the bill of the Senate (No. 119) entitled "An act in amendment of an act entitled 'An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department,'" passed the 3d of March, 1845, be reconsidered: which motion was postponed for the present.

And, thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Bocock, it was

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Senate, requesting the return of the said bill (No. 119.)

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States a bill of the Senate (No. 204) entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the brig Palmetto."

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Elections upon the memorial of James Monroe, contesting the election of David S. Jackson as a member of this House from the State of New York;

The question being on agreeing to the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That David S. Jackson is not entitled to his seat in this House as a Representative from the sixth congressional district of the State of New York.

*Resolved*, That James Monroe is entitled to a seat now occupied in this House by David S. Jackson as a Representative from the sixth congressional district of the State of New York.

Thereupon,

Mr. Jenkins moved to amend the first of the said resolutions, by striking out all after the word "*resolved*," and, in lieu thereof, insert, "That David S. Jackson is entitled to a seat upon this floor."

The said amendment was read;

And, after debate,

Mr. Burt moved to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Jenkins, by striking out all of the same after the word "*that*," and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"It does not satisfactorily appear that either David S. Jackson or James Monroe has been duly elected a Representative in the thirtieth Congress of the United States from the sixth congressional district in the State of New York, and that a vacancy exists in that congressional district."

After further debate,

Mr. Richard W. Thompson moved the previous question.

Mr. Collins moved that there be a call of the House: which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Stephens moved, at 4 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn: which motion was not agreed to.

The previous question, moved by Mr. Thompson, was then seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Burt to the amendment moved by Mr. Jenkins?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 13 / Nays ..... 176

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Armistead Burt | Mr. John Gayle | Mr. Abraham Lincoln |
| George G. Dunn | Henry W. Hilliard | John S. Pendleton |
| Elisha Embree | Isaac E. Holmes | Robert Toombs |
| Alexander Evans | John W. Jones | Joseph A. Woodward. |
| Andrew S. Fulton | | |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. John Blanchard | Mr. Albert G. Brown |
| Green Adams | Thomas S. Bocock | E. Carrington Cabell |
| George Ashmun | John M. Botts | Richard S. Canby |
| Archibald Atkinson | Franklin W. Bowdon | Charles W. Cathcart |
| Daniel M. Barringer | James B. Bowlin | John G. Chapman |
| Washington Barrow | Linn Boyd | Lucien B. Chase |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Nathaniel Boydon | Franklin Clark |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Jasper E. Brady | Beverly L. Clark |
| Henry Bedinger | Samuel A. Bridges | Thomas L. Clingman |
| Hiram Belcher | Richard Brodhead | Howell Cobb |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | William G. Brown | Williamson R. W. Cobb |
| Ausburn Birdsall | Charles Brown | William M. Cocke |

Mr. Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
John Freedley
John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt

Mr. Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
William A. Richardson

Mr. Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
James Wilson.

The question recurred on the amendment moved by Mr Jenkins: when

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the whole subject be laid upon the table: which motion was not agreed to. And

The question was put, Will the House agree to the said amendment proposed by Mr. Jenkins?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 93 / Nays ..... 102

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall

Mr. Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead

Mr. William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark

Mr. Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Colllns
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Mr. John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
Mr. John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
Mr. John W. Farrelly
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Mr. William Nelson
William A. Newall
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the said amendment was not agreed to; and

The question was then stated, Will the House agree to the said resolutions as reported from the Committee on Elections: when

A division of the question upon the resolutions being demanded, the first of the same was again read, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That David S. Jackson is *not* entitled to his seat as a Representative from the sixth congressional district of the State of New York."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 103 / Nays ..... 93

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Mr. William Nelson
William A. Newall
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Mr. Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Mr. Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence

Mr. Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Mr. Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams.

So the said resolution was agreed to; and

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the second of the said resolutions; which was again read, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That James Monroe *is* entitled to the seat now occupied in this House by David S. Jackson as a Representative from the sixth congressional district of the State of New York."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 91 / Nays ..... 103

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boyden
Jasper E. Brady
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
William A. Newall
Mr. John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Mr. Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Mr. Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin

Mr. Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
John Gayle
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley

Mr. Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee

Mr. Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the said resolution was not agreed to.

Mr. Burt moved, at 5 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn: which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the vote disagreeing to the last resolution be reconsidered.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

Mr. Hunt moved, at 5 o'clock and five minutes, that the House adjourn: which motion was not agreed to.

The motion made by Mr. Wentworth was then agreed to.

Mr. Tompkins moved that the vote agreeing to the first resolution (reported from the Committee on Elections) be reconsidered.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Dunn: The petition of Abner T. Ellis, president of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company, praying for the right of way through the public lands in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, for said road.

By Mr. Richards: The petition of citizens of Adams county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the passage of an act authorizing them to relinquish the 16th section of township 2 north, range 9 west, and select other land in lieu thereof, for school purposes.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Marsh: The petition of Abigail Higbee, widow of Elnathan Higbee, deceased, praying for increase of pension, on account of the services of the said deceased during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Dixon: The petition of the executors of John Rogers, deceased, praying compensation for the services of said Rogers in the revolutionary war, which has heretofore been allowed and paid to persons not entitled to claim it: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Gregory: The petition of citizens of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying Congress to authorize the purchase of the estate of Mount Vernon by the general government;

Also, three petitions of citizens of the State of New Jersey, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Dunn: The petition of Captain James Y. Smith, of the steamer Hyperion—heretofore presented February 6, 1840.

By Mr. Iverson: Two petitions of John J. B. Hoxie, of the State of Texas, praying that he may be paid for his services as surgeon in the army, according to a contract made with the Colonel of the Georgia regiment of volunteers.

By Mr. La Sère: The petition of Major Osborn Cross, quartermaster in the army of the United States, praying relief from further responsibility of and in relation to a certain sum of money belonging to the United States, and of which he was unlawfully deprived.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Marsh: The petition of citizens of Franklin and Lamoile counties, in the State of Vermont, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Cambridge, in Franklin county, to Brookfield, in Lamoile county.

By Mr. Hill: The petition of citizens of Warren, Van Buren, and De Kalb counties, in the State of Tennessee, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Spencer to Smithville, in said State.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

And then, on motion of ————, the House, at 5 o'clock and seven minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian

## THURSDAY, April 20, 1848.

The Journal of yesterday having been read,

Mr. Palfrey stated that he rose to a question of privilege, and that common report had represented to members of this House that a lawless mob had assembled for two nights past, and committed acts of violence, setting the laws at defiance, and menacing individuals of this body and other persons residing in this city; and that he proposed to submit to the House a preamble and resolution thereon; when

Mr. Bayly raised the question of order, and inquired whether the recital of a fact, upon rumor, that a member of this House had been menaced, could make it a question of privilege?

The Speaker decided that the allegation of the gentleman from Massachusetts raised a question relating to the privilege of members, and that it would be for the House, and not for the Chair, to decide whether any breach of privilege was involved, or whether any steps were necessary for the protection of any of its members. The House might call for specifications, and if such specifications were not made, it might be sufficient ground for the House, in their own judgment, to refuse the inquiry; but it was not sufficient reason for the Chair to rule it out of order, the House alone having the power to determine a question of privilege.

The Chair therefore ruled that it was a privileged question, and that it was for the House to determine whether any steps were necessary to be taken for the protection of any of its members.

From this decision Mr. Brodhead appealed.

And, after debate,

Mr. Bayly moved that the appeal be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

And thereupon Mr. Palfrey offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas common report has represented to members of this House that a lawless mob has assembled within the District of Columbia on each of the two nights last past, and has committed acts of violence, setting at defiance the laws and constituted authorities of the United States, and menacing individuals of this body and other persons residing in this city; therefore,

*Resolved*, That a select committee of five members be appointed, to inquire into the facts above referred to; that said committee have power to send for persons and papers, and to report facts, with their opinion whether any legislation is necessary or expedient in the premises; and that they further have leave to sit during the sessions of the House.

The said preamble and resolution were read.

And, after debate,

Mr. Venable moved to amend the said resolution, by striking out the word "*five*," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "*nine*," by inserting after the word "*appointed*" the words "*by ballot*," and by inserting after the words "*referred to*" the following:

"And that said committee be authorized to inquire into and report to this House, whether any member or members of this House were instrumental in procuring the slaves who were recently decoyed from their owners in this district to leave their owners, and whether the said members of this House have not been guilty of felony in attempting, or aiding in an attempt, to kidnap slaves."

And, after further debate, and pending the question upon the said amendment,

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of citizens of New Bedford, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for a uniform rate of postage, of two cents, on letters not weighing more than half an ounce each, and one cent on newspapers for all distances.

By Mr. Richardson: The petition of citizens of Brown and Pike counties, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Mount Sterling, in Brown county, to Griggsville, in Pike county.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Maclay: The memorial of Catherine Clark, of the city and State of New York, widow of Joseph Clark, deceased, praying for a pension, on account of wounds and disabilities received by her late husband at the battle of Tripoli: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of citizens of New Bedford, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the construction of a breakwater near the north-east point of Nantucket island, in said State;

Also, the petition of citizens of Provincetown, in the State of Massachusetts, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Gaines: The petition of Robert Perry, praying for a pension, on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the Indian war of 1794.

By Mr. Hale: The petition of Charlotte S. Newcomb, of Norton, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the arrears of pension to which her grandmother, the late Esther Lincoln, deceased, widow of Thomas Lincoln, deceased, late a revolutionary soldier, was entitled.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Stanton, the House, at 3 o'clock and fifteen minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## FRIDAY, April 21, 1848.

The House resumed the consideration of the following resolution, with a preamble, offered yesterday by Mr. Palfrey:

Whereas common report has represented to members of this House that a lawless mob has assembled within the District of Columbia on each of the two nights last past, and has committed acts of violence, setting at defiance the laws and constituted authorities of the United States, and menacing individuals of this body and other persons residing in this city; therefore,

*Resolved*, That a select committee of five members be appointed, to inquire into the facts above referred to; that said committee have power to send for persons and papers, and to report facts, with their opinion whether any legislation is necessary or expedient in the premises; and that they further have leave to sit during the sessions of the House.

The question being upon the motion made yesterday by Mr. Venable, and pending when the House adjourned, to amend the resolution, by striking out the word "*five*," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "*nine*," by inserting after the word "*appointed*" the words "*by ballot*," and by inserting after the words "*referred to*" the following:

"And that said committee be authorized to inquire into and report to this House whether any member or members of this House were instrumental in procuring the slaves who were recently decoyed from their owners in this district to leave their owners; and whether the said members of this House have not been guilty of felony, in attempting, or aiding in an attempt, to kidnap slaves."

And, after debate,

Mr. Turner moved that when the House adjourns to-day, it adjourn to meet on Monday next: which motion was agreed to.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Cocke: The petition of Dickerson Lumpkins, of Campbell county, in the State of Tennessee, praying for a pension, on account of his services in the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Botts: The petition of Lucy Clark, widow of John Clark, deceased—heretofore presented February 28, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Maclay: The memorial of James Downey, of the city and State of New York, praying for a pension, on account of the loss of one eye, and other infirmities incurred and brought on by hardships and exposure in the naval service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Pendleton: The petition of citizens of Alexandria, in the State of Virginia, praying for an appropriation to said citizens the amount and interest of the sum granted by the State of Virginia to the United States to aid in the construction of the Public Buildings: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

And then, on motion of Mr. Wick, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## MONDAY, APRIL 24, 1848.

The Speaker announced, as the first business in order, the question of privilege, to wit, the resolution presented by Mr. Palfrey on Thursday last; when

Mr. Cocke, by leave, presented the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the daily hour to which this House shall stand adjourned be 11 o'clock, a. m., until otherwise ordered.

The said resolution was read; and objection being made to its reception,

Mr. Cocke moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of introducing the same.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas ..... 100 / Nays ..... 69

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Jasper E. Brady
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John W. Crisfield
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
William Duer
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
Mr. John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Horace Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Mr. William Nelson
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
John L. Robinson
Julius Rockwell
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Alexander Evans
Joshua R. Giddings
Joseph Grinnell
David Hammons
Mr. William T. Haskell
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
George P. Marsh
Mr. Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Mr. Jamieson moved, at 12 o'clock and five minutes, that the House adjourn: which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Boyd moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of bills and resolutions from the Senate upon the Speaker's table.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 86 / Nays..... 88

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
George G. Dunn
Alexander Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Mr. Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Mr. Isaac E. Morse
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
Harvey Putnam
William A. Richardson
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Samuel B. Bridges
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Mr. William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Mr. John W. Jones
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John

Mr. Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Mr. John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Mr. Robert Toombs
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The memorial of citizens of Philadelphia and New York, in the States of New York and Pennsylvania, praying for Congress to direct the survey of a new mail route from Philadelphia to New York; the line of such road to be retained under the perpetual control of the United States, and to be used for the construction of a rail road.

By Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll: Sundry memorials of citizens of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Mullin: The petition of citizens of the counties of Jefferson and St. Lawrence, in the State of New York, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Laforgeville, in Jefferson county, to Gouverneur, in St. Lawrence county.

By Mr. Stanton: The petition of citizens of Somerville, in the State of Tennessee, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Somerville to Denmark, in said State.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of Winnebago county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Rockford, in said county, to Peru, in La Salle county;

Also, the petition of citizens of Lake county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Little Fort, in said county, to Crystal lake, in McHenry county.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The memorial of Lieutenant John S. Devlin, praying compensation for his services while acting Assistant Quartermaster in the marine corps, in addition to his duties in the line, under an order from General A. Henderson;

Also, the memorial of George Pitt Stevenson, praying compensation for his services as judge advocate, on the coast of Brazil, during the years 1840 and '41.

*Ordered*, That said memorials be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Atkinson: The petition of William Tee, of Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia, praying for a pension, on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the service of the United States during the revolution, and in the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Mullin: The petition of Hannah Kinney, of Jefferson county, in the State of New York, widow of Amos Kinney, deceased, praying for a pension, on account of the services of her said husband during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Boyd: The petition of Oliver Cromwell, one of the heirs-at-law of Dawson Cromwell, deceased, praying Congress to grant to himself and the other heirs the lands to which the said deceased was entitled under the treaty between France and Spain, and also by the treaty of purchase between France and the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Mullin: The petition of Edward Sutherland Lee, praying for a re-appropriation of moneys heretofore appropriated to be paid his father, Edward Lee, deceased, and which, not being drawn in due time, the department declines to pay;

Also, the petition of Washington T. Bebee, praying compensation for property lost by him whilst acting under the appointment of sutler to the army in Mexico.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The memorial of Gouverneur Morris and others, praying for an appropriation, to be applied under the direction of the State governments respectively, for the establishment of institutions for instruction in geology, mineralogy, and vegetable and animal physiology: which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Marsh: The petition of citizens of Burlington, in the State of Vermont, praying that the strip of land prayed for by Asa Whitney to aid in constructing a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific be set apart for that purpose during the present session: which was referred to the select committee on Mr. Whitney's railroad.

Mr. Vinton moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the bill making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849;

The bill regulating the appointment of clerks in the executive departments, and for other purposes;

The bill making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849;

The bill making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849;

The bill making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849;

The bill making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849; and

The bill making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June 30, 1849, and for other purposes, be severally made the special order of the day for Wednesday next, at 1 o'clock, p. m., to be considered in the order named above; and that they continue to be the special order of the day, at the same hour of the day, for every day thereafter, Fridays and Saturdays excepted, till the said bills shall have been finally disposed of.

The said resolution was read;

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended, for the purpose of introducing the same?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. McKay moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the daily hour for the meeting of the House hereafter, unless otherwise ordered, shall be 10 o'clock, a. m., and the hour of adjournment 3 o'clock, before which time no motion to adjourn shall be in order.

The said resolution was read; and pending the question upon the motion to suspend the rules,

On motion of Mr. Ashmun, the House, at fifteen minutes before 1 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, April 25, 1848.

By unanimous consent,

On motion of Mr. Caleb B. Smith, it was

*Ordered*, That the bill of this House (No. 397) for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union be the special order for Tuesday next and for each day thereafter until the same shall be finally disposed of.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* I am directed to return to the House of Representatives the bill from the Senate (No. 119) entitled "An act in amendment of an act entitled 'An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of fraud on the revenues of the Post Office Department,'" passed the 3d of March, 1845; and the same is herewith returned accordingly.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 19th instant, approve and sign the bill of the Senate (No. 204) entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the brig Palmetto."

The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 339) entitled "An act to change the name of Photius Kavasales to that of Photius Fisk."

They have considered the bill of the House (No. 260½) entitled "An act supplemental to the act entitled 'An act concerning the Supreme Court of the United States,'" approved June 17, 1844, and have "resolved that the said bill do not pass."

The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 103. An act placing the officer who performs the duty of adjutant at the military academy on an equality, as to pay and allowances, with adjutants of regiments;

S. No. 194. An act for the relief of John Lorimer Graham, late postmaster in the city of New York;

S. No. 210. An act to confirm the location and to grant a quarter section of public lands for the county site of Hillsborough county, State of Florida;

S. No. 216. An act respecting certain surveys in the State of Florida;

S. No. 228. An act extending privileges to American vessels engaged in a certain mentioned trade, and for other purposes;

S. No. 100. An act to require the holders of military land warrants to compensate the land officers of the United States for services in relation to the location of those warrants;

in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary; which was delivered in at the Speaker's table.

The House resumed the consideration of the following resolution, with a preamble, presented by Mr. Palfrey on Thursday last:

Whereas, common report has represented to members of this House that a lawless mob has assembled within the District of Columbia, on each of the two nights last past, and has committed acts of violence, setting at defiance the laws and constituted authorities of the United States, and menacing individuals of this body and other persons residing in this city; therefore,

*Resolved*, That a select committee, of five members, be appointed to inquire into the facts above referred to; that the committee have power to send for persons and papers, and to report facts, with their opinion, whether any legislation is necessary or expedient in the premises; and that they further have leave to sit during the sessions of the House.

The question being on the amendment thereto, moved by Mr. Venable, by striking out the word "*five*," in the resolution, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "*nine*;" by inserting after the word "*appropriated*," in the same the words "*by ballot*," and by inserting after the words "*referred to*," the following:

"And that said committee be authorized to inquire into and report to this House, whether any member or members of this House were instrumental in procuring the slaves who were recently decoyed from their owners in this District to leave their owners, and whether the said members of this House have not been guilty of felony in attempting, or aiding in an attempt, to kidnap slaves."

And, after debate,

Mr. Albert G. Brown moved that the whole subject be laid upon the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 130 / Nays ..... 42 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Green Adams | Mr. Henry Bedinger | Mr. Linn Boyd |
| George Ashmun | Ausburn Birdsall | Jasper E. Brady |
| Daniel M. Barringer | Thomas S. Bocock | Richard Brodhead |
| Washington Barrow | John M. Botts | William G. Brown |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Franklin W. Bowdon | Charles Brown |
| Richard L. T. Beale | James B. Bowlin | Albert G. Brown |

Mr. Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
James G. Hampton
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
George S. Houston

Mr. John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee

Mr. George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Cornelius Warren
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Hiram Belcher
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Dickey
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher

Mr. Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Washington Hunt
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William A. Newall

Mr. John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Eliakim Sherrill
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ashmun reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 297) to amend the act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, 1847, had come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Turner: The petition of citizens of Mount Carroll, in the

State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Mount Carroll to Howardsville, in said State;

Also, the petition of citizens of De Kalb county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Sycamore, in said county, to Savanna, on the Mississippi river.

By Mr. Starkweather: The petition of citizens of Schoharie county, in the State of New York, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Byrnville to Jefferson, in said county.

By Mr. Andrew Johnson: The petition of citizens of Carter county, in the State of Tennessee, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Elizabethton, in said county, to Kingsport, in Sullivan county.

By Mr. Tweedy: Two petitions of citizens of Jefferson county, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Watertown, in said county, to Plover Portage;

Also, the petition of citizens of Watertown, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Watertown, in Jefferson county, to Stevensport, in Portage county;

Also, the petition of citizens of Walworth and Wakeesha counties, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Geneva to Summit, in said county.

By Mr. Jamieson: Sundry petitions of citizens of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, praying for a change in mail route No. 4,717, in said State.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of Frink and Hadduck, citizens of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, praying compensation for mail service rendered under a contract made with the postmaster at Peoria, in said State.

By Mr. Turner: The petition of L. P. Sanger, of Galena, in the State of Illinois, praying compensation for mail services rendered on mail routes abandoned by O. Hinton & Co.

By Mr. Richard W. Thompson: The petition of citizens of Vermillion and Putnam counties, in the State of Indiana, praying for a reduction of postage in favor of juvenile publications, and on all newspapers not containing more than five hundred square inches.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Wilson: The petition of John Plumbe, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying Congress to adopt such early action as shall secure the construction of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The memorial of C. H. Todd, praying that the contract of Arnold Harris, made with the Secretary of the Navy, to carry the United States mail to and from Panama and Oregon, by steam vessels, may be annulled, and given to him as the highest bidder: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Gayle: The petition of Mary W. Thompson, widow of Lieutenant Alexander R. Thompson, deceased, praying for a pen-

sion, on account of the death of her husband, who fell at the head of his regiment, in the Florida war.

By Mr. Wilson: The petition of Ephraim Spoor, of Chelsea, praying for a pension and bounty land, in consideration of his services in the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Barrow: The petition of William Linville, and other officers and soldiers who served in the late war with Great Britain, praying that the provisions of the pension laws may be so modified as to extend to them and their widows.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Tuck: The petition of citizens of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, praying for Congress to purchase the Mount Vernon estate, for the use of the general government: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Palfrey: The petition of Catherine Hall and Caroline Gyzelaar, heirs-at-law of Robert McNeill, deceased, praying for a pension, on account of the services of the said McNeill during the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Jamieson: The petition of David Jones, heir of Captain William Jones, deceased, praying for the compensation the said deceased was entitled to for his services rendered during the war of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Abbott: The petition of Henry Little and Jacob Felch, of Newbury, in the State of Massachusetts, praying to be indemnified for damages sustained by them by the erection of a breakwater connecting with Woodbridge's island, in the Merrimack river.

By Mr. Winthrop: The petition of citizens of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the establishment of a breakwater near the north-eastern point of Nantucket island, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Tuck: The petition of citizens of Weston, in the State of Maine, praying that a committee be appointed to inquire by what law, and to what extent, the slave trade is carried on in the District of Columbia: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for an extension of the privileges of pre-emption to settlers, so as the better to protect them against speculators;

Also, the petition of citizens of the Green bay land district, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for a division of said district, and the establishment of a new land office.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of citizens of the State of Indiana, praying that the public lands be laid out in farms and lots, for the free use of such citizens as will occupy them, not possessed of other lands.

By Mr. Jamieson: The petition of citizens of Ralls county, in the State of Missouri, praying that they may be permitted to locate in

township No. 54 north, range 6 west, a section of land, in lieu of the present school section, which is valueless.

By Mr. Wilson: The petition of Anne F. Perrine and others, of the State of New York, praying for the extension of the time allowed for locating a tract of land in the State of Florida to Henry Perrine.

By Mr. Henley: The petition of Abner Y. Ellis, president of the Ohio and Mississippi railroad company, praying for the right of way through the public lands in the States of Indiana and Illinois.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of Benedict J. Heard, of the State of Maryland—heretofore presented December 28, 1838.

By Mr. Lord: The petition of Ira Horton, of Southold, in the State of New York, praying indemnity for his time and expenses whilst being detained as a witness before the United States Court, in relation to a mutiny on board the whale ship Meteor.

By Mr. Gayle: The petition of J. B. Cooper, of Mobile, in the State of Alabama, praying indemnity for property destroyed by the enemy in the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Belcher: The petition of citizens of the State of Maine, remonstrating against lumber floated down the St. John's river being admitted free of duty;

Also, the petition of Samuel Davis, of Bristol, in the State of Maine, praying for the bounty due on the fishing schooner Daniel.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Miller: The petition of A. H. Patterson—heretofore presented February 24, 1846: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Wilson: The petition of Calvin Smith, of Henniker, in the State of New Hampshire, praying that all prisons in the District of Columbia, where persons are confined without conviction or allegation of crime, may be abolished.

By Mr. Winthrop: The petition of George W. Rosin, of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying for an immediate termination of the war with Mexico.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be laid on the table.

And then, on motion of Mr. Robert Johnson, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1848.

The Speaker announced the calling of committees for reports; and the first business in order being a resolution reported from the Committee on Printing, on the 6th instant, in favor of printing ten thousand copies extra of the President's message transmitting the correspondence between the Secretary of War and Major General

Scott and Major General Taylor, and General Scott and Mr. Trist,

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the consideration of said resolution be postponed until to-morrow.

And thereupon, by unanimous consent, pending the said motion,

The message of the President of the United States, received yesterday, was read, and is as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I communicate herewith a report of the Secretary of War, with accompanying documents, submitted by him as embracing the papers and the correspondence between the Secretary of War and Major General Scott, called for by the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 17th instant.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *April* 25, 1848.

*Ordered*, That the said message be printed.

And the question recurring on the resolution reported from the Committee on Printing,

Mr. Howell Cobb moved the following amendment thereto:

"And also, ten thousand copies extra of the message of the President of the United States of April 25th, this day laid before the House, with the accompanying documents;" and

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the further consideration of the said report was postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (No. 339) entitled "An act to change the name of Photius Kavasales to Photius Fisk," and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill (No. 215) from the Senate entitled "An act for the relief of Jose Argote Villalobos, Marie Rose, Francis Felix, Marquis de Fougeres, or their heirs or legal representatives," reported the same without amendment: which bill was committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, reported a bill (No. 412) to provide for the settlement of claims against the United States, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the said report be referred to the Committee on Printing, with a view to the printing of an extra number of the same: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of the widow of Lieutenant Richard E. Cochrane, accompanied by a bill (No. 413) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole

House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ligon, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill (No. 328) for the relief of John B. Smith and Simeon Darden, reported the same back without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Daniel, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of A. Fenton: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Moses Hampton, from the Committee on Commerce, made a report upon the petition of John Hardorp, accompanied by a bill (No. 414) to refund a penalty remitted by the Secretary of the Treasury to John Hardorp: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gregory, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 415. A bill for the relief of Thomas H. Leggett;

No. 416. A bill for the relief of certain clerks in the New York custom-house in the year 1841;

accompanied by reports, in writing: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 417) authorizing the erection of certain light-houses, and for other purposes: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Collamer,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of George Wilkes, and that it be referred to the select committee upon the memorial of Asa Whitney for the construction of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (No. 226) to create the office of surveyor general of the public lands in the Territory of Oregon, and to grant donation rights to settlers therein, and for other purposes, reported back an amendatory bill: which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of the trustees of the Wabash and Erie canal, reported a bill (No. 448) in addition to an act therein mentioned: which was read a first and second time, and, on motion of Mr. George W. Jones, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed: subsequently,

On motion of Mr. Collamer, the vote on the commitment of said bill was reconsidered:

When it was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The said bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

Mr. Collamer, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 419) in relation to military land warrants: which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The said bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Brodhead, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Martha Gray, widow of Captain Robert Gray, made a report, accompanied by a bill (No. 420) for the relief of the widow and children of Captain Robert Gray, the discoverer of the Columbia river: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and said bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. George W. Jones, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill (No. 421) to limit the amount of compensation to be paid for the transportation of the mail over railroads and on steamboats, in certain cases: which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chapman, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to which was referred the memorial of a committee of the corporation of Washington city, reported a bill (No. 422) to continue, alter, and amend the charter of the city of Washington: which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the said bill and memorial ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (No. 423) to repeal, in part, the 12th section of the act entitled "An act for the regulation of seamen on board the public and private vessels of the United States:" which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the consideration of the petition of J. B. Hyde, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Patents.

On motion of Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the consideration of the petition of the executors of John Rogers, deceased, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Taylor, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred House bill No. 352, "to change the place of holding the district court of the United States for the middle district of Alabama, and for other purposes," reported the same back without amendment: when it was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Pettit,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the consideration of the resolution of the House of the 13th March, 1848, directing them to inquire into the propriety of allowing defendants in criminal cases in the courts of the United States to examine witnesses on their behalf, on commission, and that the same be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Daniel P. King,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of the heirs of Joseph Frederick, deceased; and of the heirs of Jacob Nutter, deceased, and that they be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Daniel P. King,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Catharine O'Neal, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report upon the petition of the legal representatives of Thomas Jett, deceased, accompanied by a bill (No. 424) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Iverson, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of the legal representative of William Shippen, deceased, and of the heirs of William Campbell, deceased: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Iverson,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of the heirs-at-law of John Burbank, heirs-at-law of Ephraim Clark, heirs-at-law of Samuel Stacy, of the heir of Thomas Hammett, and of the heirs of Aaron Godwin; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Tallmadge, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report upon the petition of Haym M. Salomon, legal representative of Haym Salomon, deceased, accompanied by a bill (No. 425) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Wick,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of a document of George Green, relative to the claim of the heirs of William McGee, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw the same.

On motion of Mr. Wick,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of George Green, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Tompkins, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (No. 350) supplemental to an act to confirm the survey and location of claims for land in the State of Mississippi, east of the Pearl river and south of the thirty-first degree of north latitude, approved March 3, 1845, reported the same back without amendment: which bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed: subsequently

Mr. Tompkins moved to reconsider the said vote on the commitment: which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Rumsey, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the petition of Mary Toorea and Frederic Grove, heirs of William McGhee, deceased, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and the report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cathcart, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made a report upon the petition of Israel Johnson, of Cass county, Indiana, accompanied by a bill (No. 426) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barringer, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill (No. 232) for the relief of the legal representatives of Abraham Hogeboom, deceased, reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report, in writing: which bill was committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barringer, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of George McGuire: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barringer, from the same committee, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War cause to be communicated to this House the report of Messrs. Brewster and Harden, late commissioners appointed to adjudicate the claims arising under the Cherokee treaty of 1835–'6.

Mr. Tompkins, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Clamorgan, one of the heirs of Jacques Clamorgan, for amendment of the act of Congress of 26th May, 1824, as revived by act of 17th June, 1844, concerning private land claims, &c., made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 427) amendatory of an act approved on the 26th day of May, 1824, and re-enacted on the 17th day of June, 1844, entitled "An act enabling claimants to lands within the limits of the State of Missouri and Territory of Arkansas to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims:" which was read a first and

second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. McIlvaine, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Findlay for the payment of a draft drawn by the Shawnee Indians in favor of the superintendent of Indian affairs at St. Louis, made a report thereon, accompanied by a joint resolution (No. 24) providing for the payment of certain deficiencies to the Shawnee Indians: which resolution was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the report and resolution ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Burt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the resolutions of the Legislature of New York in relation to the "passage of a law which shall secure to the widows and orphans of officers and soldiers who fall in battle, &c., pensions equal to the pay proper of said officers or soldiers," and that they be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Burt,

*Ordered*, That the same committee, to which was referred the bill (H. R. No. 348) "to provide for bringing home to the United States the remains of the deceased officers and soldiers of our country who were killed in battle, or who died in Mexico during the present war," be discharged from the consideration of the same, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Burt, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 428) to establish an arsenal of construction at Atlanta, in the State of Georgia: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burt, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (No. 429) to amend the act entitled "An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes:'" which was read a first and second time; and

The question was stated on ordering it to be engrossed: when

Mr. Boyd moved that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And, after debate,

A motion was made, by Mr. McKay, to amend the bill, by inserting before the word "*proviso*," the words "*operation of the*," and by striking out the word "*repealed*," and inserting in lieu thereof, after the word "*hereby*," (near the close of the bill,) the following: "suspended until three months after the exchange of the ratification of a treaty of peace between the United States and the republic of Mexico."

The said amendment was read: when

Mr. McKay moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree

to the said amendment, (the motion to commit being set aside by the previous question;)

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 80 / Nays ..... 101

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Mr. Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sere
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Mr. Isaac E. Morse
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
Mr. Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Mr. Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart

Mr. John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Mr. Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Mr. Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

The question recurred on ordering the bill to be engrossed: when Mr. McLane moved that the be laid upon the table;
And the question being put,
It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 71 / Nays ..... 105
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
George G. Dunn
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Joshua R. Giddings
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Thomas J. Henley
Mr. Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Horace Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Mr. Isaac E. Morse
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
Mr. John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
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Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Mr. Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
David Outlaw

Mr. John G. Palfrey
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Mr. Richard F. Simpson
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Mr. Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the House proceed to the consideration of the business on the Speaker's table, and to the orders of the day;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 81 / Nays ..... 98

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
George G. Dunn
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Mr. John P. Gaines
Willard P. Hall
Mr. David Hammons
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
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Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Mr. Isaac E. Morse
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
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Henry W Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
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Mr. John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
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John W. Jones
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Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Mr. Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
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John Strohm
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Botts, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was re-committed joint resolution No. 15, to refund money for expenses incurred, subsistence or transportation furnished, and money advanced, by individual citizens of the United States, for the use of the volunteers, before or after being mustered into the service of the United States; also, to which was referred the petition of Daniel Beaver, for remuneration for subsistence furnished a company of Ohio volunteers, in May, 1847; also, resolutions of the Legislature of Florida, relative to the expenses of Florida volunteers previous to being mustered into the United States service, reported a bill (No. 430) to refund money for expenses incurred, subsistence or transportation furnished, for the use of volunteers, during the present war, before being mustered and received into the service of the United States: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Boyd, from the same committee, to which was referred the resolution of the House of January 17, 1848, in relation to the expediency of amending the act entitled "An act to provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen, and for establishing military stations on the route to Oregon," approved May 9th, 1846, so as to provide for the discharge of all such non-commissioned officers and privates of said regiment as may desire it at the termination of the present war with Mexico, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Boyd, from the same committee, to which was referred the letter from the Secretary of War enclosing the muster roll of the Indian volunteer company received into the service of the United States by Colonel W. S. Harney, reported a bill (No. 431) for the payment of a company of Indian volunteers called into the service of the United States: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (No. 432) prescribing the age at which candidates for the appointment of midshipmen in the navy may enter the naval school, and the number and mode of appointing midshipmen in the

navy, and for other purposes: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 433) to provide for a retired list in the naval service: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 434) to provide for the construction of twenty sloop-of-war brigs: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Lewis Warrington and others, reported a bill (No. 435) for the relief of Captain Lewis Warrington and others: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed, together with accompanying papers.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of George Hervey, agent for owners and consignees of English ship James Mitchell, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 436) for the relief of the legal owners of the ship James Mitchell: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bayly, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Edmund L. Du Barry, accompanied by a bill (No. 437) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bayly, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Edward Myers, accompanied by a (bill No. 438) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cabell, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of George C. De Kay, accompanied by a joint resolution (No. 36) authorizing the accounting officers of the treasury charged with the settlement of the accounts of the navy to settle and pay the expenses of the United States ship Macedonian, on her recent voyage to Ireland and Scotland: which resolution was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the report and resolution, with the accompanying papers, were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tuck, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report upon the petition of Lot Davis, accompanied by a bill (No. 439) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed

to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tuck, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 440. A bill for the relief of Benjamin Cressy;

No. 441. A bill for the relief of William Gove;

accompanied by reports in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tuck, from the same committee, made a report upon the subject of naval pensions, accompanied by a bill (No. 442) in amendment of an act concerning naval pensions and the navy pension fund, approved June 30, 1834: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a joint resolution (No. 25) authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to contract for hemp: which resolution was read a first and second time, and the question was stated on ordering it to be engrossed; when

Mr. Jacob Thompson moved that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And, after debate,

Mr. T. Butler King moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the said bill be engrossed?

And decided in the affirmative—the motion to commit being set aside by the previous question.

Mr. Marsh, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, made a report upon the petition of Joshua Dodge, accompanied by a bill (No. 443) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. McClelland, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 444) for the relief of Peter Parker and Jacob L. Martin, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Catherine Kellar, heir of Isaac Gere; Adam Garlock; heirs of Patrick Campbell; Drusilla Bukey, widow of Hezekiah Bukey; heirs of Joachim Van Valkenburg; Hannah Norton: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Sidney Lawrence,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Marie A. Richard, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 445. A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Williamson;

No. 446. A bill for the relief of Sarah White;

accompanied by reports in writing: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of this House of February 14, 1848, relative to extending the provisions of the act of June 7, 1832, to the officers and soldiers who served during the Indian campaigns, under Generals Clarke, St. Clair, Harmar, and Wayne, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Freedley, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made adverse reports upon the petitions of A. M. Dade, widow of the late Major F. L. Dade, and William Pelfrey: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Freedley,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Samuel T. Winslow, and that it be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Donnell, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, mad· adverse reports upon the petitions of Henry Freeman; Hannah Weston, widow of Josiah Weston; Catharine Riddle, widow of James R. Riddle; Esther Bartlett; Lydia Shurtleff; Nancy King, heir of Samuel Ferguson; and Henry Johnson: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Donnell, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Polly Aldrich, accompanied by a bill (No. 447) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Donnell,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Michael Spatz, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Cummins, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, reported a bill (No. 448) granting pensions to the surviving petty officers, seamen, and marines, who, under the command of Captain Stephen Decatur, jr., captured and destroyed the frigate Philadelphia, in the harbor of Tripoli, on the night of the 16th of February, 1804, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Dickey: The memorial of citizens of the State of Penn-

sylvania, remonstrating against a renewal of a patent to the heirs of Jethro Wood, deceased, for Wood's cast iron plough: which was ordered to be laid on the table;

Also, the petition of citizens of Washington county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for a reduction of postage on newspapers of small size.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The petition of citizens of Monroe county, in the State of New York, praying for a reduction of postage on all letters to two cents each, for all distances; and that all newspapers be exempt of postage within thirty miles of the publishing office, and for all distances over thirty miles one cent.

By Mr. Freedley: The petition of citizens of Delaware county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the survey of a post road between the cities of New York and Philadelphia; the line of such road to be retained under the perpetual control of the United States, and to be used for the construction of a railroad.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Vinton: The petition of citizens of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, praying Congress to use all lawful exertions for a speedy termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. McLane: The memorial of Thomas Sutton, of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying compensation for services rendered in aiding to extinguish a fire on board of the frigate Raritan which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Dickey: The petition of Robert Milligan, praying for an increase of pension, on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Albert G. Brown: The petition of Solomon Street, of Jasper county, in the State of Mississippi, praying for a pension, on account of injuries and disabilities received and incurred in the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Phelps: The memorial of E. D. McKenney, R. J. McElhany, and N. R. Smith, securities of Samuel H. Bunch, late Osage sub-Indian agent, praying to be released from the payment of certain moneys stolen from the said Bunch: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Gayle: The memorial of Thomas G. Holmes, praying for a grant of land, on account of the services of the said Holmes in the army of the United States during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Hunt: The memorial of navigators of Long Island sound, praying for an appropriation to erect a light-house on North Brothers' island: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Albert G. Brown: The memorial of Henry L. Martin, praying compensation for his services in furnishing a board of commissioners with certain documents and maps, whilst the said board

was engaged with the investigation of matters in which the United States was a party: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr.————: Additional testimony in the case of Charlotte J. Newcomb, administratrix of the estate of Esther Lincoln, deceased: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty-five minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## THURSDAY, April 27, 1848.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Farrelly: The petition of citizens of the city of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, praying for the survey of a post route from said city to the city of New York, the line of such route to be retained under the perpetual control of the United States, and to be used for the construction of a railroad;

Also, the petition of citizens of Venango county, in the State of Pennsylvania, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, the petition of citizens of Mercer county, in the State of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against a discontinuance of mail route No. 1676, and praying that it be extended from Deer creek to Sugar creek.

By Mr. Ashmun: The petition of citizens of Lock village, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that all newspapers be carried free of postage within thirty miles of the offices of publication, and that the postage on letters of one half ounce and under be reduced to two cents each for all distances.

By Mr. Cabell: the petition of citizens of Jackson county, in the State of Florida, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Mariana to Ocheesee, in said State.

By Mr. ——— Lawrence: The petition of citizens of Tompkins county, in the State of New York, praying for a reduction of postage on all letters, so as not to exceed two cents each for all distances.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Sheboygan and Fondulac counties, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Sheboygan, in Sheboygan county, to Auburn, in Fondulac county.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of McHenry county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Woodstock, in said county, to Geneva, in the Territory of Wisconsin;

Also, the petition of citizens of McHenry county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Dow to Richmond, in said county.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of John Gordon, praying for a pension on account of disease and infirmities incurred in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The petition of William Pitman, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying for a pension on account of disease and disabilities received and incurred in the service of the United States from exposure and hardships during the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of citizens of Summit county, in the State of Ohio, praying Congress to set apart, during the present session, the strip of land prayed for by Asa Whitney to aid in constructing a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Gaines: The petition of David McNair, praying for a pension on account of his services in the army of the United States during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of William Roberts, of Marion county, in the State of Florida, praying to be allowed to enter a quarter section of land under the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for the armed occupation of East Florida:" which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Giddings: The petition of citizens of the States of Pennsylvania and Delaware, praying for such a change in the Constitution and laws as shall abolish slavery throughout the Union: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of John L. Phillips, Isaac Bush, William Black, William Price, and W. H. Payne, late captains of militia in the Florida war, praying compensation for their services, and arms and supplies furnished by themselves: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. St. John: Three petitions of citizens of the city and State of New York, praying Congress to purchase the Mount Vernon estate for the use and benefit of the people of the United States: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Dickinson: The petition of Joseph Chaffee, praying for relief in relation to his claim against the Wyandot Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of the heirs of Jeremiah Wingate, deceased, late of the State of Florida, praying for the passage of an act confirming the title to them of a certain tract of land in said State: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Winthrop: The petition of ropemakers of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for an increase of duties on imported cordage and yarns.

By Mr. Botts: The petition of Robert Saunders, administrator of William Finnie, deceased, praying for the payment of amount due on a lost certificate of United States stock.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Andrew Stewart: The petition of James Harley, praying

for a renewal of a patent for "casting chilled rolls:" which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Reports from committees being in order,

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution reported from the Committee on Printing, on the 6th instant, providing for the printing of ten thousand copies extra of the message from the President of the United States transmitting the correspondence between the Secretary of War and Major Generals Scott and Taylor, and between General Scott and Mr. Trist.

The question being on the amendment, moved yesterday by Mr. Howell Cobb, by adding before the words "*be printed*," in the said resolution, the following:

"And, also, ten thousand copies extra of the message of the President of the United States of April 25, and this day laid before the House, with the accompanying documents;"

And, after debate,

Mr. Vinton moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; which motion was not agreed to.

The question recurred on the said amendment moved by Mr. Howell Cobb: when

Mr. Stephens moved to amend the same, by adding thereto the following:

"And, also, ten thousand copies extra of House document No. 196, 1st session 29th Congress, House document No. 119, 2d session 29th Congress, and House document No. 37, 1st session 30th Congress, the same comprising all the correspondence between the Secretary of War and other officers of the government upon the subject of the war, so far as the same may have been made public."

And, after debate,

Mr. Stanton moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered to be put, viz:

Will the House agree to the said amendment moved by Mr. Stephens to the amendment of Mr. Cobb?

And decided in the affirmative.

The question recurred on the amendment as amended; which was agreed to.

The question then recurred on agreeing to the said resolution as amended, and being put, viz:

"Will the House agree to the said resolution?"

It was decided in the affirmative.*

Thereupon,

Mr. Howell Cobb moved to reconsider the vote by which the House had agreed to the said resolution;

And upon this motion he demanded the previous question; pending which,

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty-one minutes, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

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* See the resolution in the proceedings of the following day.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1848.

The House resumed the consideration of the motion made yesterday by Mr. Howell Cobb, and pending when the House adjourned, to reconsider the vote by which the House agreed to the resolution, as amended, which was reported from the Committee on Printing on the 6th instant, providing for the printing of ten thousand copies extra of the President's message transmitting the correspondence between the Secretary of War and Major Generals Scott and Taylor, and between General Scott and Mr. Trist.

The question being on seconding the previous question, which was moved yesterday by Mr. Howell Cobb,

Thereupon Mr. Stephens, by unanimous consent of the House, moved further to amend the said resolution, by inserting therein, before the words "*the same*," the following: "Also, House document No. 19, second session 29th Congress; House document No. 25, first session 30th Congress; and Senate document No. 18, first session 30th Congress:" which amendment was agreed to unanimously.

The question recurred on the motion to reconsider; when, on motion of Mr. Howell Cobb, the said motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

And so it was

*Resolved*, That ten thousand extra copies of the President's message and the correspondence therewith transmitted on the 20th March last: and also ten thousand extra copies of the message of the President of the United States of 25th of April instant, and the following day laid before the House, with the accompanying documents: and also ten thousand copies extra of House document No. 196, first session 29th Congress; House document No. 119, second session 29th Congress; and House document No. 37, first session 30th Congress: also, House document No. 19, second session 29th Congress; House document No. 25, first session 30th Congress; and Senate document No. 18, first session 30th Congress; the same comprising all the correspondence between the Secretary of War and other officers of the government upon the subject of the war, so far as the same may have been made public, be printed for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Collamer reported that the committee had had under consideration sundry private bills, and had directed him to report bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

No. 341. A bill for the relief of Joel Thacker;

No. 342. A bill for the relief of John Knight;

No. 343. A bill for the relief of Thomas Flanegan;

No. 345. A bill for the relief of Parmelia Slavin, late the wife of John Blue, deceased;

No. 346. A bill for the relief of Jonathan Slyter;

No. 355. A bill for the relief of Charles Ahrenfeldt and John F. H. Vogt;

No. 357. A bill for the relief of Isaac Shepard;

No. 358. A bill for the relief of David Shepard;

No. 359. A bill for the relief of A. C. Bryan and others;

No. 360. A bill for the relief of Charles R. Allen, of Richmond, Virginia;

No. 361. A bill for the relief of Almedus Scott;

No. 365. A bill for the relief of Elijah Bragdon, deceased;

No. 370. A bill to attach a portion of the north-western land district, Louisiana, to the district of Red river, Louisiana;

No. 377. A bill for the relief of William Via;

No. 378. A bill for the relief of Eliza A. Mellon;

No. 379. A bill for the relief of Benjamin Reifsnyder;

No. 380. A bill for the relief of Francis M. Holton;

No. 381. A bill for the relief of Israel Bayless;

No. 382. A bill for the relief of Arthur Wilson;

No. 383. A bill for the relief of Benjamin G. Perkins;

No. 384. A bill for the relief of Beriah Wright;

No. 385. A bill for the relief of John Savage;

No. 386. A bill for the relief of Levi Colmus;

No. 387. A bill for the relief of William Paddy;

No. 400. A bill for the relief of John H. Baker;

No. 402. A bill for the relief of Eleanora B. Watkins, widow of Gassaway Watkins;

No. 403. A bill for the relief of Samuel A. Grier;

No. 413. A bill for the relief of the widow of Lieutenant Richard E. Cochrane; and

Bill from the Senate No. 82, entitled "An act for the relief of John Black, late consul of the United States at the city of Mexico;" *severally, without amendment.*

Thereupon the House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill from the Senate No. 82, when the same was ordered to be read a third time to-day; and

The bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

All the remaining bills reported from the Committee of the Whole House this day were then ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills being engrossed, were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

Mr. Albert G. Brown, by leave, presented a resolution of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, upon the subject of the Mexican war: which resolution was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Peck, by leave, presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Vermont, cordially approving and recommending the plan of Asa Whitney for a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pa-

cific ocean: which resolutions were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harmanson, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, reported a joint resolution (No. 27) relative to evidence in applications for pensions: which resolution was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The said resolution being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

Mr. Hammons, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of John Jones and Christopher Moon, heirs of Ann Moon: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Frederick Taylor, Mathew Macklun, of Delaware, Joseph J. Watson, of Ohio, Lemuel Parker, Joseph Kelly, Joseph Brown, Thomas Thompson, and William Roberts: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fulton, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill (No. 213) from the Senate entitled "An act for the relief of Christopher Cunningham," reported the same back without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fulton, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill (No. 329) to provide for all the officers and soldiers, regular and volunteer, who have been injured and permanently disabled in the service in the existing war with Mexico, reported back an amendatory bill: which was committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fulton, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 449. A bill for the relief of John Wilson;

No. 450. A bill for the relief of Robert Whittett;

accompanied by reports in writing: which bills were read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Fulton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Levi Nichols, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Fulton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Nehemiah Halladay, James Chester, and Henry Neely, and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Fulton, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the resolution of the House of the 3d of January last, relative

to placing the names of Alexander McClean, Peter Noyes, and Joseph Taylor, on the Invalid Pension list.

Mr. Robert A. Thompson, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made a report upon the petition of William H. Wilson, accompanied by a bill (No. 451) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robert A. Thompson, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Amos Bull, accompanied by a bill (No. 452) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robert A. Thompson, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Amos Armstrong, accompanied by a bill (No. 453) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fries, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made an adverse report upon the petition of Jonas Dutton; also, the petition of George Cassaday: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. William T. Lawrence,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of David Troxall, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Linchfield Sharpe, John Holland, Frederick Perrigo, Cornelius Hughes, Jeremiah Harpham, Maria Hogue, widow of William G. Hogue; Nathaniel Landsdown, James M. Lewis, and James Coe: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Edward Taylor, accompanied by a bill (No. 454) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Warren Raymond, accompanied by a bill (No. 455) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Hubert H. Booly, accompanied by a bill (No. 456) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 457. A bill for the relief of William Miller;

No. 458. A bill for the relief of Maurice R. Simons;

No. 459. A bill for the relief of Eliphus C. Brown;

No. 460. A bill for the relief of Henry N. Halstead;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Elias B. Holmes,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Dr. Hartwell Carver and his associates, and that it be referred to the select committee on the petition of Asa Whitney for a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean.

On motion of Mr. Wiley,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Miles Devine, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Wiley, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 461. A bill for the relief of Robert Ramsay;

No. 462. A bill for the relief of John Farnham;

No. 463. A bill for the relief of Andrew Flanagin;

No. 464. A bill for the relief of William Gott;

No. 465. A bill for the relief of Catharine Hoffman;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Maclay, from the Committee on Patents, made a report upon the case of John Goulding, accompanied by a bill (No. 466) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States the bill entitled "An act to change the name of Photius Kavasales to Photius Fisk."

Mr. Henley, from the Committee on Patents, made a report upon the case of Oliver C. Harris, accompanied by a bill (No. 467) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gregory, from the Committee on Accounts, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House receive proposals for binding books and documents ordered by the House; and that he submit the same to the Committee on Accounts for its examination and approval.

The said resolution was read;

And, after debate,

The question was put, Will the House agree thereto?

And decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Printing, to which was referred the subject of printing the report of the Secretary of War, being a statement showing the names of the several pensioners who have been placed on the pension rolls since the 12th of October, 1835; designating the name, rank, line, county, State, &c., of each, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That such report be *not* printed.

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said resolution?

It was decided in the affirmative.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Brodhead: Two memorials of citizens of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the Indian tribes inhabiting the United States and Territories may be concentrated on the west side of the Mississippi river, with a view to the civilization and preservation of the remaining aborigines.

By Mr. —— Brown: Two memorials of citizens of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said memorials be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Julius Rockwell: The petition of citizens of Franklin county, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for a uniform rate of postage, not to exceed one cent on newspapers and two cents on each prepaid letter of half an ounce and under for all distances: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Also, the petition of Emily Hubbard, of Greenville, in the State of Massachusetts, widow of George Hubbard, deceased, praying for a pension on account of the services of her late husband during the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Also, the memorial of Luther Edwards, of Chesterfield, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for a congress of nations to pass laws and establish a court of nations before which all difficulties between such nations may be amicably adjusted: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Bocock: The memorial of Thomas P. Franklin, of the State of Virginia, praying for an increase of pension on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 2 o'clock and forty-five minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## SATURDAY, April 29, 1848.

Mr. John L. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday present to the President

of the United States the bill (No. 339) entitled "An act to change the name of Photius Kavasales to Photius Fisk."

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, which was delivered in at the Speaker's table.

Mr. McKay moved that the vote by which the House yesterday agreed to the resolution reported from the Committee on Accounts, providing for receiving proposals for binding books and documents ordered by the House of Representatives, be reconsidered: which motion, by general consent, was allowed to lie over.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the select committee to which was referred the memorial of John Jay, a citizen of New York, in favor of an international copy-right law, moved that the said memorial be printed: which motion was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

No. 158. An act for ascertaining and paying the California claims;

No. 164. An act to provide a free communication across the eastern branch of the Potomac, in the District of Columbia;

in which bills I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

The House, by unanimous consent, resumed the consideration of the message from the President of the United States received on the 13th of January last, in relation to the return of Santa Anna and Paredes to Mexico, and refusing to furnish the instructions given to Mr. Slidell, as requested by the resolution of the House of the 4th of January last.

The questions pending being,

1st. By Mr. Truman Smith, to refer the said message to the Committee on Foreign Affairs;

2d. By Mr. T. Butler King, to refer it to a select committee;

3d. By Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union;

The first motion in order being the motion of Mr. Ingersoll, which was stated; when,

On motion of Mr. Tompkins, it was

*Ordered*, That the said message be laid upon the table.

By unanimous consent, the following message from the President of the United States, heretofore received, was read, and is as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I communicate to Congress, for their information, a copy of a despatch, with the accompanying documents, received at the Department of State from the envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States at Paris, giving official information

of the overthrow of the French monarchy, and the establishment in its stead of a provisional government based on republican principles.

This great event occurred suddenly, and was accomplished almost without bloodshed. The world has seldom witnessed a more interesting or sublime spectacle than the peaceful rising of the French people, resolved to secure for themselves enlarged liberty, and to assert, in the majesty of their strength, the great truth that in this enlightened age man is capable of governing himself.

The prompt recognition of the new government by the representative of the United States at the French court meets my full and unqualified approbation, and he has been authorized in a suitable manner to make known this fact to the constituted authorities of the French republic. Called upon to act upon a sudden emergency, which could not have been anticipated by his instructions, he judged rightly of the feelings and sentiments of his government and of his countrymen, when, in advance of the diplomatic representatives of other countries, he was the first to recognize, so far as it was in his power, the free government established by the French people.

The policy of the United States has ever been that of non-intervention in the domestic affairs of other countries, leaving to each to establish the form of government of its own choice. While this wise policy will be maintained towards France, now suddenly transformed from a monarchy into a republic, all our sympathies are naturally enlisted on the side of a great people, who, imitating our example, have resolved to be free. That such sympathy should exist on the part of the people of the United States with the friends of free government in every part of the world, and especially in France, is not remarkable. We can never forget that France was our early friend in our eventful revolution, and generously aided us in shaking off a foreign yoke and becoming a free and independent people.

We have enjoyed the blessings of our system of well regulated self-government for near three-fourths of a century, and can properly appreciate its value. Our ardent and sincere congratulations are extended to the patriotic people of France, upon their noble, and thus far successful, efforts to found for their future government liberal institutions similar to our own.

It is not doubted that, under the benign influence of free institutions, the enlightened statesmen of republican France will find it to be for her true interests and permanent glory to cultivate with the United States the most liberal principles of international intercourse and commercial reciprocity, whereby the happiness and prosperity of both nations will be promoted.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *April* 3, 1848.

*Ordered*, That the said message be laid upon the table, and printed.

By unanimous consent, the following message from the President of the United States, this day received, was read, and is as follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:*

I submit for the consideration of Congress, several communications received at the Department of State from Mr. *Justo Sierra*, commissioner of Yucatan, and also a communication from the governor of that state, representing the condition of extreme suffering to which their country has been reduced by an insurrection of the Indians within its limits, and asking the aid of the United States.

These communications present a case of human suffering and misery, which cannot fail to excite the sympathies of all civilized nations. From these, and other sources of information, it appears that the Indians of Yucatan are waging a war of extermination against the white race. In this civil war, they spare neither age, nor sex, but put to death, indiscriminately, all who fall within their power. The inhabitants, panic-stricken, and destitute of arms, are flying before their savage pursuers towards the coast, and their expulsion from their country, or their extermination would seem to be inevitable, unless they can obtain assistance from abroad.

In this condition, they have, through their constituted authorities, implored the aid of this government, to save them from destruction, offering, in case this should be granted, to transfer the "dominion and sovereignty of the peninsula" to the United States. Similar appeals for aid and protection have been made to the Spanish and the English governments."

Whilst it is not my purpose to recommend the adoption of any measure with a view to the acquisition of the "dominion and sovereignty" over Yucatan; yet, according to our established policy, we could not consent to a transfer of this "dominion and sovereignty," either to Spain, Great Britain, or any other European power. In the language of President Monroe, in his message of December, 1823, "we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety." In my annual message of December, 1845, I declared that "near a quarter of a century ago the principle was distinctly announced to the world, in the annual message of one of my predecessors, that 'the American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European power.' This principle will apply with greatly increased force, should any European power attempt to establish any new colony in North America. In the existing circumstances of the world, the present is deemed a proper occasion to reiterate and reaffirm the principle avowed by Mr. Monroe, and to state my cordial concurrence in its wisdom and sound policy. The re-assertion of this principle, especially in reference to North Amerights of every European nation should be respected; but it is due alike to our safety and our interests, that the efficient protection of rica, is at this day but the promulgation of a policy which no European power should cherish the disposition to resist. Existing

our laws should be extended over our whole territorial limits, and that it should be distinctly announced to the world as our settled policy, that no future European colony or dominion shall, with our consent, be planted or established on any part of the North American continent."

Our own security requires that the established policy, thus announced, should guide our conduct, and this applies with great force to the peninsula of Yucatan. It is situate in the Gulf of Mexico, on the North American continent, and, from its vicinity to Cuba, to the capes of Florida, to New Orleans, and, indeed, to our whole southwestern coast, it would be dangerous to our peace and security if it should become a colony of any European nation.

We have now authentic information that, if the aid asked from the United States be not granted, such aid will probably be obtained from some European power which may hereafter assert a claim to "dominion and sovereignty" over Yucatan.

Our existing relations with Yucatan are of a peculiar character, as will be perceived from the note of the Secretary of State to their commissioner, dated on the 24th of December last, a copy of which is herewith transmitted. Yucatan has never declared her independence, and we treated her as a State of the Mexican republic. For this reason we have never officially received her commissioner; but, whilst this is the case, we have, to a considerable extent, recognized her as a neutral in our war with Mexico. Whilst still considering Yucatan as a portion of Mexico, if we had troops to spare for this purpose, I would deem it proper, during the continuance of the war with Mexico, to occupy and hold military possession of her territory, and to defend the white inhabitants against the incursions of the Indians, in the same way that we have employed our troops in other States of the Mexican republic in our possession, in repelling the attacks of savages upon the inhabitants, who have maintained their neutrality in the war. But, unfortunately, we cannot, at the present time, without serious danger, withdraw our forces from other portions of the Mexican territory now in our occupation, and send them to Yucatan. All that can be done, under existing circumstances, is to employ our naval forces in the Gulf, not required at other points, to afford them relief; but it is not to be expected that any adequate protection can thus be afforded, as the operations of such naval forces must, of necessity, be confined to the coast.

I have considered it proper to communicate the information contained in the accompanying correspondence, and I submit to the wisdom of Congress to adopt such measures as, in their judgment, may be expedient, to prevent Yucatan from becoming a colony of any European power, which, in no event, could be permitted by the United States; and, at the same time, to rescue the white race from extermination or expulsion from their country.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *April* 29, 1848.

Mr. Julius Rockwell moved that the said message be referred to the Committee on Territories.

And, after debate, Mr. Rockwell withdrew his said motion; when

Mr. Stephens moved that the message be referred to a select committee, to consist of nine members.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll moved that the message be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Root moved that the consideration of the said message be postponed until Tuesday next.

And, after debate,

Mr. Botts moved that the said message be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and printed.

Mr. Botts moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put,

1st. Shall the said message be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union?

And decided in the negative.

2d. The question was put, Shall the message be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and printed?

And decided in the affirmative.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Levin: The memorial of citizens of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the Indian tribes of the United States and Territories may be concentrated on the west side of the Mississippi river, with a view to their civilization and preservation: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: Two memorials of citizens of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the survey of a route for a post road between New York and Philadelphia; the line to be retained under the perpetual control of the Union, and to be used for the construction of a railroad: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Levin: Two memorials of citizens of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Henley: The memorial of the president and treasurer of the Ohio and Indianapolis Railroad Company, praying for a grant to said Company of the public lands yet remaining unsold in the counties of Jackson and Scott, and so much in Bartholomew as lies in the Jefferson land district.

*Ordered*, That said memorials be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Ligon: The memorial of Hector Perkins, of the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, heretofore presented January 12, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Lincoln: The memorial of the heirs of Abraham Tipton —heretofore presented February 9, 1835: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Kellogg: The memorial of Archibald McAllister, of the county of Washington, in the State of New York, praying for a renewal of letters patent for an invention and improvement in

warming and heating rooms and apartments of houses: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

And then, on motion of Mr. Jacob Thompson, the House, at 2 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## MONDAY, MAY 1, 1848.

The Speaker announced, as first in order, the motion made by Mr. McKay on Monday last, that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to offer a resolution fixing the daily hour for the meeting of the House hereafter at 11 o'clock, a. m., unless otherwise ordered, and the hour of adjournment at 3 o'clock; before which no motion to adjourn should be in order.

And thereupon Mr. McKay withdrew his said motion to suspend the rules, and, by unanimous consent, moved the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the daily hour for the meeting of the House shall hereafter be 11 o'clock, a. m.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of the grand lodge of the Order of Independent Odd Fellows, of the District of Columbia—heretofore presented January 21, 1843: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Rumsey: The memorial of Levi H. Corson, of Bath, in the State of New York, praying for the passage of an act securing to him the copy-right of a perpetual calendar, or almanac, of which he is the original and sole author: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Palfrey: The memorial of citizens of the State of Massachusetts, praying for a uniform rate of postage, not to exceed one cent on newspapers, and two cents on each pre-paid letter of half an ounce and under, for all distances: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Gott: Additional papers in the case of Calvin Guiteau: which were referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Vinton moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the bill making appropriations for the payment of Revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849;

The bill making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849;

The bill making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849;

The bill regulating the appointment of clerks in the executive departments, and for other purposes;

The bill making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849;

The bill making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849;

The bill making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and for other purposes, be severally made the special order of the day for Wednesday next, at one hour after the meeting of the House, to be considered in the order named above; and that they continue to be the special order of the day, one hour after the meeting of the House, for every day thereafter, Fridays and Saturdays excepted, till the said bills shall have been finally disposed of.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended, for the purpose of introducing the same?

It was decided in the affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 117 / Nays..... 25

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
John Freedley

Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy

Mr. Henry Nes
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James S. Wiley
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Kingsley S. Bingham
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
James S. Green
Samson W. Harris

Mr. George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
John Jamieson
Robert W. Johnson
David S. Kaufman
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand

Mr. Lucius B. Peck
Timothy Pillsbury
William Sawyer
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Thomas J. Turner.

The rules being suspended, Mr. Vinton accordingly introduced his said resolution; which was read; when

Mr. Vinton moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the said resolution was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* I am directed to communicate to the House of Representatives information of the decease of the honorable Chester Ashley, a Senator in Congress from the State of Arkansas, and the proceedings of the Senate thereon.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Robert W. Johnson, after remarking on the life and character of the deceased, moved the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That this House has heard, with deep sensibility, the announcement of the death of the honorable Chester Ashley, a Senator in Congress from the State of Arkansas.

*Resolved*, That, as a testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, the members and officers of this House will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

*Resolved*, That the proceedings of this House, in relation to the death of the honorable Chester Ashley, be communicated to the family of the deceased by the Clerk.

*Resolved*, That this House will attend the funeral of the deceased in a body; and, as a further mark of respect for his memory, that it do now adjourn until 12 o'clock, to-morrow.

And the House accordingly adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

## TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

And, the Journal of yesterday having been read,

In pursuance of the order of yesterday, the House proceeded to the Senate chamber, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the honorable Chester Ashley.

And, after depositing the corpse in the Congressional burying ground, the officers and members returned into the hall.

And then, on motion of Mr. Howell Cobb, the House, at 2 oclock and twenty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1848.

Mr. McClelland, by leave, from the select committee to which was referred the petition of Asa Whitney, of New York, in relation to the construction of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean, reported a bill (No. 468) to set apart and sell to Asa Whitney, of New York, a portion of the public lands, to enable him to construct a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cabell, by leave, presented a preamble and resolutions of the Legislature of Florida, in relation to the establishment of a light-house at Indian river head;

Also, preamble and resolutions of the Legislature of Florida, in relation to the improvement of the Ocklawha river, &c.: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Also, resolutions of the Legislature of Florida on the subject of the draining of the everglades;

Also, resolutions of the Legislature of Florida for an amendment of the act of 4th August, 1842, known as the "armed occupation act:" which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Also, resolutions of the Legislature of Florida relative to removal of the Seminole Indians from Florida: which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Also, a petition from citizens of Florida for modfications and alterations of the armed occupation law: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Taylor, by leave, presented a preamble and resolution of the Legislature of Ohio, relative to certain lands near the Wabash and Erie and Miami canals, in this State: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Also, a resolution relative to an amendment of the postage laws;

Also, a resolution relative to a change of the rates of postage upon transient papers: which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

Also, resolutions relative to the powers and duties of Congress in certain cases, and the course of the honorable Thomas Corwin with reference to the present war with Mexico: which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Also, resolutions in relation to the improvement of western rivers and harbors: which were referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Also, resolutions relative to the acquisition and control of foreign territory by the United States: which were referred to the Committee on Territories, and ordered to be printed.

Also, a resolution declaring that so much of the ordinance of 1787 as relates to slavery, should be extended to the territory acquired from Mexico: which was referred to the Committee Territories, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Charles E. Stuart, by leave, presented resolutions of the Legislature of Michigan relative to a donation of lands by the general government for the erection of State asylums for the insane, blind, deaf, and dumb: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Also, resolutions of the Legislature of Michigan relative to the general government of the United States refunding to the State of Michigan any and all sums of money expended by said State in fitting out the first regiment of volunteer infantry, in pursuance of a requisition made by the War Department upon the executive of

said State: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, by leave, it was

*Resolved*, That the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of House bill No. 81, further to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office, and that the same be put upon its passage.

The House accordingly proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; and the question was stated on ordering it to be engrossed: when

Mr. Taylor moved to amend the said bill, by adding the following, as an additional section:

"SEC. 2. That the same right and privilege is hereby also extended for the same time to all such warrants as have issued subsequent to said 10th day of August, A. D. 1840; provided, that before the location thereof it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office that such warrant was issued justly and legally, and that the person or persons who received said warrant was legally entitled to the same."

Mr. Goggin moved to amend the same, by adding thereto the following:

"And that such land warrants may be located upon any lands belonging to the United States which may, at the time of such location, be subject to private entry:" when

Mr. Collamer raised the question of order: That, as the proposed amendment embraced an appropriation of land, it was in effect an appropriation of money, and must, therefore, under the rule, be first discussed in a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, further, that it was not germain to the bill, but of a subject differing entirely from that under consideration.

The Speaker sustained the second objection of Mr. Collamer, and ruled the amendment out of order.

And, after debate,

Mr. Goggin moved that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did this day approve and sign a bill (No. 339) entitled "An act to change the name of Photius Kavasales to that of Photius Fisk."

On motion of Mr. Kaufman, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hilliard reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 297) to amend an act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, 1847, had come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Cabell: The memorial of citizens of the city of Apalachicola, in the State of Florida, praying for an appropriation for completing the improvement of the harbor of said city;

Also, the joint resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Florida, and a memorial of citizens of said State, praying for the establishment of a marine hospital at Apalachicola;

Also, the memorial of citizens of Dade county, in the State of Florida, in relation to the establishment of a port of entry at Miami—heretofore presented May 5, 1846;

Also, the preambles and resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Florida, praying for the establishment of light-houses at the ports of New Smyrna, at the mouth of Suwannee river, and at Egmont Key, in said State—heretofore presented February 8, 1847;

Also, the memorial of B. G. Thornton—heretofore presented February 14, 1842;

Also, the memorial of citizens of Apalachicola, in the State of Florida, praying for the erection of a custom-house at said place—heretofore presented April 24, 1844;

Also, the memorial of the chamber of commerce, of Apalachicola, in the State of Florida—heretofore presented December 28, 1842.

By Mr. Winthrop: The petition of citizens of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the erection of a breakwater near the northeastern point of Nantucket island, in said State.

By Mr. Atkinson: The petition of American seamen and others, praying that measures be taken to promote education and intelligence among American seamen, and for the improvement of their condition both at sea and on land.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of citizens of Sippican, in the State of Massachusetts, remonstrating against that port being set apart from the collection district of New Bedford and annexed to Wareham, as part of a new district.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions, memorials, and resolutions, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Marvin: The memorial of Hartwell Carver and his associates, praying to be incorporated into a company, for the purpose of constructing a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Barrow: The memorial of Samuel Graves—heretofore presented April 30, 1846—which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Marvin: The petition of members of the board of supervisors of the county of Chautauque, in the State of New York, praying for such a modification of the post office laws as will admit newspapers to pass in the mails free of postage within thirty miles of the office of publication.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of citizens of Dade county, in the State of Florida, in relation to a mail route—heretofore presented June 24, 1846;

Also, the preamble and resolutions of the Legislature of the State

of Florida, in relation to a mail route—heretofore presented February 8, 1847;

Also, the petition of citizens of St. Lucie, in the State of Florida, in relation to a mail route—heretofore presented May 5, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and resolutions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Freedley: The petition of Joseph W. Knipe—heretofore presented January 18, 1847.

By Mr. John B. Thompson: The petition of Henry Childs—heretofore presented January 19, 1837.

By Mr. Tuck: The petition of Elizabeth S. Cobbs, of Exeter, in the State of New Hampshire, widow of Waddy V. Cobbs, deceased, praying for a pension on account of the death of her late husband, caused by hardships and exposure, in the service of the United States army.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Giddings: Two petitions of citizens of the State of Maine, praying that a committee be appointed to investigate to what extent and by what law the slave trade is carried on in the District of Columbia: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Daniel Duncan: The petition of the heirs of Colonel John Sumner, deceased, late a soldier of the continental line of the State of Connecticut, praying payment for two final settlement certificates, which were funded in the year 1790, still due, and unpaid: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Cabell: Preamble and resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Florida, in relation to appropriations for the use of learning—heretofore presented February 8, 1847;

Also, the memorial of citizens of the State of Florida, praying for the erection of defences at St. Andrew's bay—heretofore presented June 24, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. McClelland: The petition of Thomas B. Clarke, of Detroit, in the State of Michigan, praying for the passage of an act providing for confirming to him a certain tract of land: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, the House, at six minutes past 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## THURSDAY, May 4, 1848.

Mr. Murphy, from the Joint Committee on the Library, to which was referred the petition of Alexander Vattemare, in relation to interchanges of literary and scientific works, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 469) to regulate the exchange of certain documents and other publications of Congress: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole

House on the state of the Union, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the consideration of the letter of the Secretary of War, respecting the claim of Daniel Parker, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, made a report upon the petition of John P. B. Gratiot and Susan Gratiot, wife of Henry Gratiot, accompanied by bill No. 470, for the relief of John P. B. Gratiot and the legal representatives of Henry Gratiot: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of David Little and of Alexander H. Mechlin: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the resolution of the House of December 20, 1847, instructing them to inquire into the expediency of establishing a system of commercial reciprocity between the Unnited States and the province of Canada; also, sundry petitions of citizens of New York, for the admission of Canadian produce free of duty, reported a bill (No. 471) to admit certain articles of the growth or production of Canada into the United States free of duty, upon the condition that the like articles, of the growth or production of the United States, are admitted into Canada free of duty: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Rsolved*, That there be prepared, by the procurement of the Clerk, for the use of this House, and the Committee thereof on Public Lands, a map of the public lands in each State, showing the state of the survey, and also what has been sold; and that the same be prepared under the supervision of the Commissioner of the General Land Office; and that the said maps be revised and extended after each session of Congress.

On motion of Mr. Embree,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be discharged from the consideration of the petition of citizens of Elkhart county, Indiana, for the passage of a law compelling the Post Office Department to assume the responsibility of the safe transmission through the mails of all pre-paid matter, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Goggin, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 472) to regulate the postage on newspapers, and for other purposes: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barrow, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to which was referred the petition of J. W. Nye, assignee of P. Bargy and H. Stewart, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 473) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Daniel P. King,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Bridget Stone, widow of Josiah Stone, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Burt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Robert Gamble and of James W. Schaumburg, administrator of Bartholomew Schaumburg, and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Burt, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the resolutions of the House of February 14, 1848, in relation to establishing a national foundry at some suitable place in the 11th congressional district, in Pennsylvania; also, in relation to establishing a national foundry at Reading, Pennsylvania; and the resolution of the House of March 13, 1848, in relation to establishing a national foundry at Weverton, Washington county, Maryland; also, House bill No. 134, to establish an armory at Fort Massac, in the State of Illinois; also, petitions from citizens of Illinois and Kentucky, for the establishment of a national armory and foundry at Fort Massac, in the State of Illinois, reported a bill (No. 474) to establish two national foundries and an armory: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Stanton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the petition of C. Evans, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Tuck, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report upon the petition of S. B. Elliott, accompanied by a bill (No. 475) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a joint resolution (No. 28) proposing the establishment of lines of government war steamers from the port of Monterey or San Francisco, in California, to Shanghai and Canton, in China, and from the same port to the Sandwich Islands, accompanied by a report in writing: which resolution was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the report and resolution ordered to be printed.

Mr. King moved that twenty thousand copies extra of the said report, and the chart accompanying the same, be printed: which motion to print twenty thousand copies extra of the report was *referred to the Committee on Printing*; and the motion to print

twenty thousand copies extra of the said chart was *referred to the Committee on Engraving.*

The said chart was referred by the Clerk to the Committee on Engraving.

On motion of Mr. Daniel P. King,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Accounts be discharged from the consideration of the resolution of the House of March 23, 1848, in relation to the funeral expenses of John M. Holley, late a member of the House from the State of New York, and that it be laid upon the table.

Under the 114th rule of the House, Mr. Featherston handed to the Clerk a notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to authorize and require certain illegal entries of the public lands of the United States, at the land office at Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, to be cancelled, and for other purposes.

Mr. George W. Jones, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, moved that the committee be discharged from the consideration of the resolution of this House of the 13th of March last, relative to providing for permanent arrangement with the railroads in the several States of the Union to transport the United States mail, and means and munitions of war, upon long contracts, say twenty years: which motion was agreed to; and

Thereupon Mr. Tompkins moved that the said resolution be referred to a select committee of five members: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Printing, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That one thousand copies extra of report No. 498, being the report of the Committee of Claims in relation to the establishment of a board of commissioners for the examination of claims against the United States, made to this House on the 26th day of April, 1848, be printed.

The said resolution was read, and the question was stated on agreeing thereto.

And, after debate,

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary, as follows:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the House of the following titles,

No. 23. An act the relief of Harriet Barney;

No. 146. An act authorizing a term of the United States circuit and district courts at Chicago, Illinois;

severally, without amendment.

They have passed a bill (No. 95) entitled "An act granting to the State of Illinois the right of way, and a donation of public lands, for making a railroad connecting the upper and lower Mississippi with the chain of northern lakes, at Chicago, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

One hour having been allotted to the consideration of morning business,

Mr. Cocke moved that the House proceed to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table.

Mr. Vinton moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The motion made by Mr. Vinton being entitled to precedence, the question was stated on agreeing thereto; when,

By leave, Mr. Kaufman offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the bill No. 297 shall cease at 2 o'clock on this day, if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same; and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House, with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

The said resolution was read; when

Mr. Vinton moved to amend the same, by striking out the words "*this day*," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "*Monday next:*" which motion was agreed to.

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said resolution as amended?

It was decided in the affirmative.

The question was then put on the motion made by Mr. Vinton, that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union;

And decided in the negative.

The question was then put on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Cocke, that the House proceed to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table;

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 83 / Nays ..... 70

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
George G. Dunn
Winfield S. Featherston
Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Mr. John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather

Mr. Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Mr. William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
John Wentworth
Mr. William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Mr. John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
Mr. Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Hugh White
James Wilson.

And thereupon the Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report, in answer to the resolution of the House, of the number of regulars enlisted and volunteers received into the service of the United States since the commencement of hostilities between the United States and Mexico; the number killed in battle, or who have died from wounds and from disease; the number discharged; the strength of each regiment when mustered into service, and their strength according to the latest returns; also, the name of the State where raised, &c.: which letter and report were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting, in compliance with the act of 2d July, 1836,

1st. A copy of the abstract of the offers for carrying the mails made within the year preceding the 1st of July, 1847.

2d. A report of all contracts made for the transportation of the mail within the year aforesaid.

3d. A statement of all such land and water mails as have been established or ordered within said year.

4th. A report of all additional allowances made to mail contractors within the said year.

5th. A report of curtailments of mail service and pay ordered within the said year.

6th. A report of fines imposed, and deductions made from the pay of contractors, within the said time.

*Ordered*, That the letter and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

III. A letter from the Commissioner of Public Buildings, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the House of the 13th of March last, information as to whether any injury has been done to the Capitol by cutting through the walls and arches of the same for the introduction of gas pipes, or from digging about or under the foundation, for the purpose of putting in furnaces to heat or warm the hall and rooms of the Capitol; and whether the weight upon the dome from the pole does not endanger the dome itself, &c.: which letter was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the joint resolution of the House (No. 12) of thanks to Major General Taylor;

The question being on agreeing to the said amendments; which were read: when

Mr. Andrew Stewart moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the said amendments were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to the reconsideration of the amendments of the House, disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill from the Senate (No. 39) entitled "An act to provide additional examiners in the Patent Office, and for other purposes;" when

On motion of Mr. Farrelly, it was

*Resolved*, That this House doth insist on its amendments to the said bill, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Mr. Farrelly, Mr. McClelland, and Mr. Barringer, were appointed managers to conduct said conference on the part of this House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate with the action of the House upon the said amendments.

The bill from the Senate (No. 26) entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force," was read a first and second time: when

Mr. Boyd moved that the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 74 / Nays ..... 79 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. Richard Brodhead | Mr. William Collins |
| Thomas H. Bayly | William G. Brown | George G. Dunn |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Charles Brown | Winfield S. Featherston |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | Albert G. Brown | Orlando B. Ficklin |
| Ausburn Birdsall | Armistead Burt | Richard French |
| Thomas S. Bocock | Charles W. Cathcart | George Fries |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | Franklin Clark | James S. Green |
| James B. Bowlin | Howell Cobb | Willard P. Hall |
| Linn Boyd | Williamson R. W. Cobb | David Hammons |

Mr. John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Shepherd Leffler
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Mr. Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
John L. Robinson
Mr. William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Mr. John Freedley
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nes
Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Hugh White.

And, thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Cocke, it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The resolution from the Senate (No. 14) respecting contracts for hemp for the use of the American navy, was read a first and second time; and the question was stated on ordering it to a third reading: when

Mr. T. Butler King moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the said resolution was ordered to be read a third time *now*.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the last-mentioned vote be reconsidered;

And, after debate,

Mr. Turner moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the House refused

to reconsider the said vote ordering the resolution to be read a third time *now*.

The said resolution was then read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, subsequently, proceeded to the consideration of the joint resolution of the House (No. 25) authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to contract for hemp, which was ordered to a third reading on the 26th of April last: when it was

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be laid upon the table.

The bill from the Senate (No. 177) entitled "An act to declare the true intent and meaning, so far as respects the franking privilege of members of Congress, of the act approved the 1st of March, 1847, and entitled 'An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the Post Office Department, passed 3d of March, 1845, and for other purposes,'' " was read a first and second time; when

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the said bill be laid upon the table; which motion was not agreed to; and

The said bill was then referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The bill from the Senate (No. 201) entitled "An act to provide for the repair and improvement of the dam at the head of Cumberland island, in the Ohio river," was read a first and second time; when

Mr. French moved that the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; which motion was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Wentworth, the said bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce; which motion was agreed to.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill House (No. 1) supplementary to the act entitled "An act to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in certain cases, and for other purposes;" when it was

*Ordered*, That said bill be laid on table.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 23. An act for the benefit of Mrs. Harriet Barney;

H. R. No. 146. An act authorizing a term of the United States circuit and district court at Chicago, Illinois;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 390) entitled "An act to make Ship island, in the collection district of Pearl river, a port of delivery, &c., and to authorize the appointment of a surveyor for said port," and also to the amendment to the title of said bill; when

The said amendments were read, and agreed to; and the title was amended, by striking out the word "*surveyor*," and inserting lieu thereof the words "*deputy collector*."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the engrossed bill of the House (No. 429) to amend an act entitled "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes;" when it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time; and thereupon

The bill was read the third time accordingly; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when

Mr. Burt moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 81 / Nays ..... 66

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Nathaniel Boyden
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
Mr. John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
James McDowell
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
David Outlaw
Mr. John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Hugh White
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Mr. George Fries
Joshua R. Giddings
James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
John H. Harmanson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Mr. Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Shepherd Leffler
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Horace Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill

Mr. William Sawyer
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
Jacob Thompson
Mr. Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Mr. Thomas J. Turner
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The joint resolution of the House (No. 10) extending the time for the erection of certain light-houses, which was ordered to be engrossed on the 3d of February last, and ordered to be read a third time, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 95. An act granting to the State of Illinois the right of way, and a donation of public lands, for making a railroad connecting the upper and lower Mississippi with the chain of northern lakes, at Chicago;

No. 103. An act placing the officer who performs the duty of adjutant at the military academy on an equality, as to pay and allowances, with the adjutants of regiments;

No. 194. An act for the relief of John Lorimer Graham, late postmaster in the city of New York;

No. 210. An act to confirm the location, and to grant a quarter section of public lands, for the county site of Hillsborough county, State of Florida;

No. 216. An act respecting certain surveys in the State of Florida;

No. 228. An act extending privileges to American vessels engaged in a certain mentioned trade, and for other purposes;

No. 158. An act for ascertaining and paying the California claims;

No. 100. An act to require the holders of military land warrants to compensate the land officers of the United States for services in relation to the location of those warrants;

No. 164. An act to provide a free communication across the eastern branch of the River Potomac, in the District of Columbia;.

No. 106. An act to provide for the settlement of the claim of Henry Washington, late a deputy surveyor of the public lands in Florida;

No. 111. An act for the relief of Reynolds May;

No. 114. An act authorizing the purchase of the papers of Alexander Hamilton;

No. 81. An act for the relief of the forward officers of the late exploring expedition;

No. 4. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make an arrangement or compromise with Mangle M. Quackenboss and his co-obligors, or any of them, for claims on bonds given by them as sureties to the United States.

No. 7. A resolution for the relief of Jonathan Lewis;

No. 43. An act for the relief of Jeanette C. Huntington, widow and sole executrix of William D. Cheever, deceased;

No. 69. An act for the relief of Creed Taylor;

No. 78. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Pistole, widow of Charles Pistole, deceased;

No. 79. An act for the relief of Jesse Turner;

No. 83. An act for the relief of Joseph F. Caldwell;

No. 86. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Kuykendall;

No. 87. An act granting a pension to Abigail Garland, widow of Jacob Garland, deceased;

No. 88. An act for the relief of Thomas Brownell;

No. 91. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Jones and the other children, if any, of John Carr;

No. 92. An act for the relief of Thompson Hutchinson;

No. 94. An act for the relief of Thomas Douglas, late United States attorney for East Florida;

No. 97. An act for the relief of Samuel W. Bell, a native of the Cherokee nation;

No. 122. An act supplementary to an "Act to authorize the Secretary of State to liquidate certain claims therein mentioned," passed eighteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen;

No. 101. An act for the relief of Oliver C. Harris;

were severally read a first and second time and referred—

No. 95. To the Committee on Public Lands.

No. 103. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

No. 194. To the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

No. 210. To the Committee on Public Lands.

No. 216. To the Committee on Public Lands.

No. 228. To the Committee on Commerce.

No. 158. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

No. 100. To the Committee on Public Lands.

No. 164. To the Committee for the District of Columbia.

No. 106. To the Committee on Public Lands.

No. 111. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 114. To the Joint Committee on the Library.

No. 81. To the Committee on Naval Affairs.

No. 4. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 7. To the Committee on Indian Affairs.

No. 43. To a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and to be placed upon the calendar next after House bill No. 236, for the relief of the legal representatives of William D. Cheever.

No. 69. To the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

No. 78. To the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

No. 79. To the Committee on Private Land Claims.

No. 83. To the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

No. 86. To the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

No. 87. To the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

No. 88. To the Committee on Naval Affairs.

No. 91. To the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

No. 92. To the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

No. 94. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 97. To the Committee on Indian Affairs.
No. 122. To the Committee on the Judiciary.
No. 101. To the Committee on Patents.
*Ordered*, That the said bills be printed.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of citizens of the city and State of New York, praying for the repeal of the law requiring all newspapers sent through the mails by others than publishers to be prepaid.

By Mr. Freedley: The petition of citizens of Delaware county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Philadelphia to Howellville, in said State.

By Mr. Clingman: The petition of J. N. Anderson, of the State of North Carolina, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Daniel Carter's to Warm springs, in said State.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Isaac E. Holmes: The petition of Francis Ingraham—heretofore presented December 18, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of John Haup, of the city and State of New York, praying for increase of pension, on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the battle of Chapultepec, in the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Duer: The petition of citizens of Oswego county, in the State of New York, remonstrating against the passage of a bill, the provisions of which are to place on a retired list, at a reduced compensation, such officers of the navy as become incompetent, from age or infirmities, to perform their duties.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The petition of Henry M. Paine, of Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for a provision by law authorizing the building of a vessel on the plan of his improvement, and under his superintendence, as a test of its utility.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Jefferson county, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying for the extension of the term for proof and payment to pre-emptors on public lands to four years.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The petition of Jonathan Church, praying for the passage of a law authorizing the survey and sale of a tract of land in Monroe county, in the State of Illinois, called the "Renault grant."

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Speaker presented a memorial of sundry American citizens, praying that Mount Vernon may become the property of the United States, in order that the mansion and favorite grounds of Washington, with the tomb containing his sacred remains, may be kept in a

suitable and proper state of preservation: which memorial was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Burt, the House then proceeded to the consideration of the joint resolution (No. 16) providing for the payment of the regiment of Texas mounted troops called into the service of the United States under the requisition of Colonel Curtis, in the year 1847;

The question being on the motion made by Mr. Pollock on the 18th of February last, that the said resolution be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And, after debate,

Mr. Burt moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the amendment to the said resolution moved by Mr. Henley on the 18th of February last was disagreed to.

And the said resolution was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time—the motion to commit being set aside by the previous question.

Mr. Willard P. Hall moved that the vote ordering the said resolution to be engrossed be reconsidered.

And, after debate,

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House, at 3 o'clock and ten minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 418) entitled "An act in addition to an act therein mentioned."

And then he withdrew.

The Speaker, by leave, laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, 3*d May*, 1848.

SIR: I have just received, addressed to my care, from Robert Walsh, esq., the consul of the United States at Paris, a portrait of Major General Baron De Kalb, to be presented to Congress as an offering from the surviving family of De Kalb, persons of great consideration and worth.

I await the direction of Congress in regard to the reception and the disposition to be made of this portrait; and have the honor to be, with great respect, sir, your obedient servant,

W. W. BRENT.

To the SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.

*Ordered*, That the said communication be referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Goggin moved to reconsider the vote by which all Senate bills were yesterday ordered to be printed which were read a first and second time and referred, except the bill No. 26, entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force."

And the question being put, Shall the said vote be reconsidered?

It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had examined bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 12. Joint resolution of thanks to Major General Taylor;

H. R. No. 390. A bill to make Ship island, in the collection district of Pearl river, a port of entry, and to authorize the appointment of a deputy collector for said port;

H. R. No. 418. An act in addition to an act therein mentioned; and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Robert A. Thompson: The petition of citizens of Ritchie county, in the State of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Freeport, in Wood county, to Ritchie court-house.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of Granby county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Morris, via Mazon settlement, to Pontiac, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Garnett Duncan: The petition of John Poe, of Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, praying compensation for his services in purchasing horses and mules for the use of the army of the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Edwards: The memorial of the National Medical Association, praying for the passage of a law providing for the appointment of inspectors of drugs and medicines imported into the United States: which was referred to the select committee on adulterated drugs and medicines.

By Mr. White: The memorial of Thomas C. Green, praying relief in relation to his rights in certain lands, which he has been prevented from realizing by the neglect of certain public officers: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Kaufman reported that the committee had had under consideration sundry private bills, and directed him to report the bill (No. 328) for the relief of John B. Smith and Simeon Darden without amendment; and that, in further proceeding upon the said bills, the committee finding itself without a quorum, he had caused the roll of members of the House to be called, agreeably to the 126th rule, and he now reported the names of the absentees, to be entered on the Journal, as follows:

Green Adams, George Ashmun, Daniel M. Barringer, Washington Barrow, Richard L. T. Beale, Henry Bedinger, Kingsley S.

Bingham, Ausburn Birdsall, John Blanchard, John M. Botts, Nathan Boydon, Samuel A. Bridges, Richard Brodhead, Aylett Buckner, Chester Butler, John G. Chapman, Asa W. H. Clapp, Beverly L. Clark, John W. Crisfield, John Crowell, John D. Cummings, John R. J. Daniel, William Duer, Garrett Duncan, George N. Eckert, Joseph E. Edsall, Alexander Evans, James J. Faran, Thomas S. Flournoy, Andrew S. Fulton, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, Nathan K. Hall, James G. Hampton, Moses Hampton, Hugh A. Haralson, John H. Harmanson, Isaac E. Holmes, Charles Hudson, Washington Hunt, Charles J. Ingersoll, Joseph R. Ingersoll, Alexander Irvin, Alfred Iverson, John Jamieson, George W. Jones, John W. Jones, Orlando Kellogg, Sidney Lawrence, Lewis C. Levin, Thomas W. Ligon, Frederick W. Lord, John H. Lumpkin, Robert McClelland, Abraham R. McIlvaine, James J. McKay, Robert M. McClure, Job Mann, Richard K. Meade, William Nelson, William A. Newell, John Pettit, James Pollock, William B. Preston, R. Barnwell Rhett, Thomas Richey, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, Joseph M. Root, Daniel B. St. John, Robert C. Schenck, Peter H. Sylvester, Richard F. Simpson, Alexander D. Sims, Ephraim K. Smart, Robert Smith, Frederick A. Tallmadge, James H. Thomas, James Thompson, Richard W. Thompson, Robert Toombs, Abraham W. Venable, Cornelius Warren, Hezekiah Williams, David Wilmot.

A quorum having appeared, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Kaufman reported that the committee had again had under consideration sundry private bills, and had directed him to report bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 213. An act for the relief of Christopher Cunningham;

H. R. 415. A bill for the relief of Thomas H. Leggett;

H. R. 439. A bill for the relief of Lot Davis;

H. R. 451. A bill for the relief of William H. Wilson;

H. R. 452. A bill for the relief of Amos Bull;

severally without amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bills: when

The said bill from the Senate (No. 213) was ordered to be read a third time; and, thereupon,

The bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

All the other bills, reported this day from the Committee of the Whole House, (viz: Nos. 328, 415, 439, 451, and 452,) were then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bills being engrossed, were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House upon private bills;

And, pending the question on this motion,

On motion of Mr. Donnell, the House, at 1 o'clock and twenty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1848.

Under the 114th rule, Mr. Gott handed to the Clerk a notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill allowing compensation to the members of the Senate, members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to Delegates of the Territories, and repealing all other laws on the subject.

Mr. John A. Rockwell offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the bill (No. 67) for settling the claim of the legal representatives of Richard W. Meade shall cease within two hours after the same shall be taken up in the committee, if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same; and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then lay it aside, to be reported to the House, with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

The resolution was read: when

Mr. Bowlin moved that it be laid upon the table;

And the question being put,

It appeared there was not a quorum of members present.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that there be a call of the House; which motion was agreed to; and the roll of members having been called, and the names of the absentees again called, one hundred and twenty-eight members answered to their names.

A quorum being present,

On motion of Mr. Henley, further proceedings in the call were suspended; and

The question was then put on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Bowlin, that the said resolution be laid upon the table,

And decided in the negative.

The question recurred on the resolution: when

Mr. McClelland moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the words "*within two hours after the same shall be taken up in the committee*," and inserting in lieu thereof "Friday next, at 2 o'clock, p. m.;

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

And the resolution, as amended, was then agreed to by the House.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills.

Mr. McClernand moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The question was stated on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Rockwell: when

Mr. McClernand raised the point of order: That a motion that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union is entitled to precedence over a motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for

the consideration of private bills, inasmuch as there was a special order in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union still unfinished.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

From this decision Mr. McClernand appealed.

And the question being put, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

It was decided in the affirmative.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Rockwell, that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole: when

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the amendments to the bill of the Senate (No. 39) entitled "An act to provide additional examiners in the Patent Office, and for other purposes;" and have appointed Mr. Westcott, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Phelps, managers at said conference on the part of the Senate.

And then he withdrew.

The question was then put on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Rockwell, that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House;

And decided in the affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cabell reported that the committee had had under consideration a bill (No. 67) for settling the claim of the legal representatives of Richard W. Meade, and had come to no resolution thereon.

And then, on motion of Mr. Venable, the House, at 2 o'clock and fifteen minutes, adjourned until Monday next, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## MONDAY, MAY 8, 1848.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the 6th instant, present to the President of the United States a joint resolution and bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 12. Joint resolution of thanks to Major General Taylor.

No. 146. An act authorizing a term of the United States circuit and district court at Chicago, Illinois.

No. 418. An act to amend an act therein mentioned.

No. 23. An act for the benefit of Mrs. Harriet Barney.

No. 390. An act to make Ship island, in the collection district of Pearl river, a port of delivery, and to authorize the appointment of a deputy collector for said port.

Mr. Cabell moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to move that the joint resolution (No. 26) authorizing the accounting officers of the treasury, charged with the settlement of the accounts of the navy, to settle and pay the expenses of the

United States ship Macedonian on her recent voyage to Ireland and Scotland, be made the special order of the day for Tuesday week.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Brodhead moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the resolution of the House, passed on the 20th of March last, providing for the distribution of documents, be, and the same is hereby rescinded;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Brodhead accordingly introduced his said resolution; which was read: when

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the said resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Albert G. Brown moved that the vote agreeing to the said resolution be reconsidered;

And, after debate,

Mr. Dickey moved the previous question.

Mr. Pettit moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; which motion was agreed to.

Mr. T. Butler King moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to move that the bill (No. 224) granting to the Alabama, Florida, and Georgia Railroad Company the alternate sections of the public lands along the route of their contemplated roads on certain conditions, be a special order for the day next after the several bills which were made a special order for Wednesday last, and to be continued from day to day thereafter until it shall have been disposed of;

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended for the purpose aforesaid?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined a joint resolution (S. No. 14) respecting contracts for hemp for the use of the American navy; also, bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 82. An act for the relief of John Black, late consul of the United States at the city of Mexico; and

S. 213. An act for the relief of Christopher Cunningham;

and found the said resolution and bills correctly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Mr. George S. Houston moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union;

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 177 / Nays ..... 31

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Hiram Belcher
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Richard French
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Timothy Jenkins
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
Samuel O. Peyton
Harvey Putnam
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
John L. Taylor
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Washington Barrow
Kingsley S. Bingham
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Robert B. Cranston
Richard S. Donnell
John W. Farrelly
John P. Gaines
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Mr. Joseph Grinnell
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Andrew Johnson
David S. Kaufman
William T. Lawrence
Horace Mann
Isaac E. Morse
Mr. John G. Palfrey
Timothy Pillsbury
Gideon Reynolds
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John B. Thompson
Amos Tuck
Hugh White
James Wilson.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hilliard reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 297) to amend an act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, had directed him to report the same with an amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill: when the said amendment was read and agreed to; and the question on ordering the bill to be engrossed was stated: when

Mr. John B. Thompson moved to amend the bill, by adding thereto the following:

*Be it further enacted*, That in all cases where, by the laws now existing, the wife, children, or parents of any volunteer, officer, or soldier who has died in the service during the present war with Mexico, are entitled to bounty land, in the event that such officer or soldier has died or shall hereafter die in the service, having no wife, children, or parent, then the next of kin, who, by the laws of the State where such volunteer, officer, or soldier enlisted, are heirs-at-law of such decedent, or such person as said officer or soldier shall appoint by will, shall be entitled to inherit and receive such interest in said bounty lands as they or any of them would be entitled to under the laws of the place of enlistment or by such devise.

The said amendment was read: when

Mr. Vinton moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the said amendment was not agreed to.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time;

And being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

And the question was stated, Shall it pass? when

Mr. Cocke moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the said bill was passed.

Mr. Stephens moved that the vote on the passage be reconsidered.

Mr. Bowlin moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; which motion was agreed to.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Goggin: The memorial of citizens of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the survey of a post road between the cities of New York and Philadelphia, the line of said road to be retained under the perpetual control of the Union, and to be used for the construction of a railroad.

By Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll: Ten memorials of citizens of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, of similar import with the foregoing.

By Mr. Charles E. Stuart: The petition of citizens of Branch county, in the State of Michigan, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Bronson, in said county, to Noble.

*Ordered*, That said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Jacob Thompson: Two memorials of citizens of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the Indian tribes inhabiting the United States and Territories may be concentrated on the west side of the Mississippi river, with a view to

their civilization and preservation: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The memorial of the Old Fourth regiment of United States infantry—heretofore presented February 10, 1840: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Tweedy: The memorial of citizens of Green Bay land district, in the Teriitory of Wisconsin, praying for a division of said district and the establishment of a new land office: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Wilson: The petition of Philip Tabers, praying for arrears of pension on account of services rendered in the army of the revolution.

By Mr. Elias B. Holmes: The petition of Harriet Gay, in behalf of her father, Elkana Stevens, of Orange county, in the State of Vermont, praying relief for the said Stevens on account of his services in the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Gentry: The petition of Nancy Bird—heretofore presented April 11, 1846.

By Mr. Wilson: The petition of Sally Hart—heretofore presented February 13, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of Isaac Garrason, administrator of Darius Garrason, deceased, praying payment for supplies furnished to the United States troops during the Florida war: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Thibodeaux: The memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, praying for an appropriation for clearing out Bayou Lafourche—heretofore presented June 8, 1846.

By Mr. Williams: The petition of citizens of Vinalhaven, in the State of Maine, remonstrating against the setting off of said town and annexing it to the Belfast collection district.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

And then, on motion of Mr. Robert W. Johnson, the House, at thirty-five minutes after 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

No. 242. An act respecting the public archives in the State of Florida;

No. 249. An act to authorize the district judge of the State of Tennessee to hold special terms;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Burt, the House resumed the consideration of the joint resolution of the House (No. 16) providing for the payment of the regiment of Texas mounted troops called into the ser-

ce of the United States under the requisition of Colonel Curtis in e year 1847.

The question being on the motion made by Mr. Willard P. Hall Thursday last, to reconsider the vote by which the House, on at day, ordered the said resolution to be engrossed.

And the question being put, Shall the said vote be reconsidered?

It was decided in the affirmative.

The question recurred on ordering the said resolution to be en-ossed: when

Mr. Burt moved to amend the same, by adding at the end thereof e following:

"*Provided*, That nothing in the act approved 2d March, 1847, titled "An act to amend an act to provide for the payment of orses and other property lost and destroyed in the military service the United States," approved 18th January, 1837," shall be con-rued to revive the proviso to the second section of the act ap-oved the 15th of June, 1844, entitled "An act making an appro-iation for the payment of horses lost by the Missouri volunteers the Florida war."

The said amendment was read: when

Mr. George W. Jones moved to amend the proposed amendment y adding thereto the following:

"*Provided, also*, That all horses belonging to volunteers which ere lost in the Gulf of Mexico since the 13th May, 1846, by being rown overboard or otherwise, shall be paid for in the same man-er as is provided for the payment of other lost horses in this act."

The amendment to the amendment was read; and the question eing put on agreeing thereto,

It was decided in the affirmative; and

The said amendment proposed by Mr. Burt, as thus amended, as then agreed to.

The question recurred on ordering the said resolution to be en-rossed as amended: when

Mr. Hammons moved further to amend the same by striking out he following words:

"And the said regiment are hereby declared to be entitled to the ounty land they would have been entitled to if called into service nder a requisition by competent authority."

The said amendment was read;

And, after debate,

Mr. Caleb B. Smith moved the previous question, which was econded; and the main question was ordered and put, and the said mendment, moved by Mr. Hammons, was agreed to.

And the said resolution, as thus further amended, was then again ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said resolution being engrossed, was accordingly read the hird time, and passed.

The title of the said resolution was then read and amended, on motion of Mr. George W. Jones, by adding thereto, "*and for other purposes.*"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said joint resolution.

Mr. John L. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday present to the President of the United States a resolution of the Senate (No. 14) respecting contracts for hemp for the use of the American navy; also, bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 82. An act for the relief of John Black, late consul of the United States at the city of Mexico.

No. 213. An act for the relief of Christopher Cunningham.

A message was received from the President of the United States by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did this day approve and sign the bill (No. 390) to make Ship island, in the collection district of Pearl river, a port of delivery, and to authorize the appointment of a deputy collector for said port;

A bill (No. 146) entitled "An act authorizing a term of the United States circuit and district courts at Chicago, Illinois;"

A bill (No. 418) entitled "An act in addition to an act therein mentioned;

A bill (No. 23) entitled "An act for the relief of Harriet Barney; and

Joint resolution (No. 12) of thanks to Major General Taylor.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Fries: The memorial of William Greer & Co., of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying Congress to order the list of patents to be published in the "Mirror of the Patent Office," published in said city: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. W. P. Hall: The petition of citizens of Saline county, in the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Marshall, in said county, to Lexington, in Lafayette county.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of Cook county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Blue island, in said county, to Bulbonia grove, in Will county.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Daniel Duncan: The memorial of Mary E. Carney, of Berkshire county, in the State of Ohio, widow of John Carney, deceased, praying for a pension on account of the services of her late husband during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The petition of Bezin Tevis, of Alleghany, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for an increase of pension on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Monitoawoc, in the Territory of Wisconsin, praying that an extension of the pre-emption laws may be made so as to give four years to settlers to establish their rights.

By Mr. Sawyer: The petition of citizens of Ravenna, in the State of Ohio, praying for the passage of a law providing permanent pre-emptions to actual settlers, and to prevent sales to land speculators.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of citizens of New Bedford, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for an amendment to the law authorizing the condemnation of vessels in foreign ports, and, also, in the act for enrolling and registering vessels;

Also, the petition of citizens of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Caleb B. Smith, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Howell Cobb reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 397) for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union, had come to no resolution thereon.

And then, on motion of Mr. Venable, the House, at 3 o'clock and ten minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## WEDNESDAY, May 10, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Stephens,

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the bill (No. 397) for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union, shall cease at 2 o'clock this day, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House, with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

On motion of Mr. McKay, the House proceeded to the consideration of the motion made by him on the 29th of April last, to reconsider the vote of the previous day agreeing to the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House receive proposals for binding books and documents ordered by the House, and that he submit the same to the Committee on Accounts for its examination and approval."

And, after debate,

Mr. Stephens moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and the vote agreeing to the said resolution was reconsidered.

The question recurred on agreeing to the said resolution: when

Mr. McKay moved that it be committed to the Committee on Printing, with instructions "*to inquire whether any agreement has been made between the Clerk of this House and the Secretary of the Senate and the public printers as to binding.*."

Mr. Conger moved to amend the instructions moved by Mr. McKay by adding thereto, "and that they be further instructed to report to the House the following resolutions:"

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be, and they are hereby, authorized and instructed to enter into contract with Messrs. Wendell & Van Benthuysen, public printers, for the execution of all binding which has been ordered or may hereafter be ordered by this House; which contract shall remain in force for and during the continuance of the contract under which the said printers are now executing the public printing: *Provided*, Such contract can be entered into with said Wendell & Van Benthuysen on as favorable terms as are afforded by any other individuals.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing, in pursuance to the instructions contained in the foregoing resolution, do report to this House, at the earliest practicable day their proceedings, together with the prices offered, the persons by whom offered, and the price agreed to be paid in case a contract is entered into with said printers.

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the motion made by Mr. Conger?

It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Rumsay moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; which motion was not agreed to.

And the motion made by Mr. McKay, that the said resolution be recommitted to the Committee on Printing, with the said instructions moved by him, was then agreed to by the House.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Palfrey: Sundry memorials of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying Congress to devise and propose without delay some plan for the immediate peaceful dissolution of the American Union;

Also, four petitions of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying Congress to take measures for effecting such change of the constitution and laws as shall abolish slavery throughout the Union;

Also, three memorials of citizens of the State of Maine, praying that a committee of Congress be appointed to inquire and report whether, to what extent, and by what law, the slave trade exists in the District of Columbia;

Also, the petition of citizens of Levant, in the State of Maine, praying for a repeal of the law of February 12, 1793, in relation to fugitives from justice;

Also, a petition of citizens of Erie county, in the State of New York, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, the petition of citizens of Penobscot, in the State of Maine, praying for the passage of a law providing for the emancipation of Eliza and Caroline Herbert, who were sold to satisfy a judgment in favor of the United States;

Also, the petition of citizens of Tioga county, in the State of New York, praying for the passage of a law prohibiting any person in the employment of the national government from aiding or as-

sisting in the capture or detention, or return of any person to involuntary servitude, under the pretext that such person was the property or slave of another;

Also, the petition of citizens of Haverhill, in the State of Massachusetts, praying Congress to devise such measures as shall bring about a peaceable division of the United States;

Also, the petition of citizens of Middlesex county, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that such measures be adopted as shall provide a remedy for certain grievances complained of in relation to colored citizens;

Also, the petition of citizens of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for further protection to the liberties of American citizens;

Also, the petition of citizens of New Bedford, in the State of Massachusetts, praying Congress to take measures for the better protection of colored citizens from the injustice of the southern States and foreign governments.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of Elijah Pratt, praying indemnity for encroachments made by the government on his patent right for certain improvement in valves: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Palfrey: The petition of ministers and laymen of the Unitarian denomination, praying for Congress to take measures to bring the Mexican war to an immediate termination;

Also, three petitions of citizens of the State of Massachusetts, praying for an immediate peace with Mexico;

Also, the petition of citizens of the State of Vermont, of similar import with the foregoing;

Also, the petition of three hundred and thirty-five women of Bangor, in the State of Maine, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, the petition of citizens of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying that the slave trade may be abolished in the District of Columbia;

Also, the petition of citizens of Levant, in the State of Maine, praying for the prohibition of the slave trade and the abolishment of slavery in the District of Columbia.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Edwards: The petition of physicians and druggists of Alexandria, in the State of Virginia, praying for the passage of a law providing for the inspection of imported drugs and medicines: which was referred to the select Committee on the Importation of Drugs.

By Mr. Barrow: The petition of the heirs of Jonathan Faire—heretofore presented February 14, 1838.

By Mr. Botts: The petition of John England, praying for a pension on account of his services in the revolutionary war.

By Mr. Gaines: The petition of Elizabeth Barker, widow of Stephen Barker, deceased, praying for a pension on account of the services of the said Barker in the of the war revolution.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of Susannah Kimball, widow of Benjamin Kimball, deceased, praying for a pension on account of the services of her late husband during the war of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Clapp: The petition of John B. Brown and others, of Portland, in the State of Maine, praying for the passage of an act authorizing the issuing of a register to the Danish brig Encarnacion.

By Mr. Palfrey: The petition of citizens of Levant, in the State of Maine, praying that the slave trade in the United States may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Palfrey: The petition of citizens of Penobscott county, in the State of Maine, praying for the passage of a law prohibiting the acquisition of territory unless slavery be excluded therefrom;

Also, the petition of citizens of Montrose, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, and remonstrating against its extension into territory now free.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Territories.

By Mr. Daniel Duncan: The petition of Abigail Williams, of Licking county, in the State of Ohio, widow of Hiel Williams, deceased, praying for arrearage of pay and a pension on account of the services of the said Williams during the war of the revolution;

Also, the petition of Barbara Baughman, of Franklin county, in the State of Ohio, widow of George Baughman, deceased, praying for arrearage of pay and a pension on account of the services of her late husband in the revolutionary war;

Also, the petition of Dorothy Mead, of Licking county, in the State of Ohio, widow of Stephen Mead, deceased, praying to obtain the benefit of the provision of certain acts granting half pay and pensions to widows of revolutionary soldiers.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of citizens of the United States, praying for a reduction of postage and the free delivery of letters and newspapers in the principal cities.

By Mr. Turner: The petition of citizens of Rock island, Henry, Knox, and Peoria counties, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Rock island to Peoria.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Caleb B. Smith, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and,

after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Howell Cobb reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 397) for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union, had directed him to report the same with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; and the question was stated on agreeing to the said amendments: when

Mr. Caleb B. Smith moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the first of the said amendments was agreed to.

The following amendment was then stated, as follows:

In the second section of the said bill, strike out the words "*and fifth*," in the third line; the words "and so that, also, the lands reserved to the United States by the provisions of the act entitled 'An act to grant a quantity of land to aid in the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, and to connect the same by a canal in the Territory of Wisconsin,'" in lines 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, and insert the word "*and*" between the words "*second and fourth*," in the second line of said second section.

And pending the question on the said amendment,

Mr. Stanton moved, at 3 o'clock and thirty-five minutes, that the House adjourn.

Pending the question on that motion,

Mr. Stephens offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That when this House adjourns to-day, it adjourn over to Saturday next, to allow the officers of the House an opportunity to take up the carpets and put down matting in the hall suitable for the summer.

The resolution was read.

And the question being put on agreeing thereto,

It was decided in the negative.

The question recurred on the motion of Mr. Stanton,

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

And the House accordingly adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## THURSDAY, May 11, 1848.

In pursuance of the order of the House of the 4th instant, Mr. Tompkins, Mr. Gayle, Mr. Peck, Mr. King, of Georgia, and Mr. Bingham, were appointed a select committee, to which was referred the resolution of the House of the 13th of March last, relative to a permanent arrangement with the railroads of the several States of the Union to transport the United States mail and means and munitions of war upon long contracts, say twenty years.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (H. R. 397) for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union, the question being on agreeing to the second of the amendments to the said

bill, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and which was pending when the House adjourned yesterday;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 46 / Nays ..... 94

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Robert B. Cranston
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Mr. John Freedley
Joshua R. Giddings
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Moses Hampton
Charles Hudson
Timothy Jenkins
Daniel P. King
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
Mr. John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Timothy Pillsbury
John A. Rockwell
Augustine H. Shepperd
George A. Starkweather
John Strohm
William Strong
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Richard French
George Fries
Mr. John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
James G. Hampton
John H. Harmanson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
James H. Johnson
David S. Kaufman
T. Butler King
Emile La Sère
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Robert M. McLane
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Mr. Isaac E. Morse
William A. Newall
John S. Pendleton
Samuel O. Peyton
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
William Rockhill
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Eliakim Sherrill
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Hugh White
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
James Wilson.

The third and last of the said amendments, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, was then read, and agreed to.

And the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

And being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Under the 114th rule of the House, Mr. Brodhead handed to the Clerk a notice of a motion for leave to introduce a joint resolution to amend the constitution of the United States.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill (No. 202) entitled "An act for the relief of the bona fide settlers under the acts for the armed occupation and settlement of a part of the Territory of Florida; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 9th instant, approve and sign bills of the following titles:

S. 82. An act for the relief of John Black, late consul of the United States at the city of Mexico;

S. 213. An act for the relief of Christopher Cunningham; and

Resolution No. 14, respecting contracts for hemp for the use of the American navy.

And then the Secretary withdrew.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the motion made by Mr. Bocock, on the 19th of April last, to reconsider the vote on the previous day on the passage of the bill from the Senate (No. 119) entitled "An act in amendment of an act entitled 'An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of fraud on the revenues of the Post Office Department,'" passed the 3d of March, 1845.

And, after debate,

Mr. Vinton moved the previous question.

Mr. Stephens moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 39 / Nays ..... 117

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Green Adams | Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin | Mr. George W. Jones |
| Aylett Buckner | David Fisher | William T. Lawrence |
| Richard S. Canby | John Gayle | James J. McKay |
| John G. Chapman | Meredith P. Gentry | Robert M. McLane |
| William M. Cocke | Joshua R. Giddings | George P. Marsh |
| Jacob Collamer | Dudley S. Gregory | William A. Newall |
| Harmon S. Conger | Joseph Grinnell | John S. Pendleton |
| Robert B. Cranston | Willard P. Hall | John A. Rockwell |
| John H. Crozier | Thomas J. Henley | J. Dixon Roman |
| James Dixon | William Henry | Caleb B. Smith |
| Daniel Duncan | Elias B. Holmes | Truman Smith |
| Thomas O. Edwards | George S. Houston | Alexander H. Stephens |
| John W. Farrelly | Samuel D. Hubbard | Robert Toombs. |

Those who voted in the negative are,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. William L. Goggin | Mr. Charles H. Peaslee |
| Archibald Atkinson | Daniel Gott | Lucius B. Peck |
| Daniel M. Barringer | James S. Green | Samuel O. Peyton |
| Washington Barrow | Artemas Hale | John S. Phelps |
| Richard L. T. Beale | James G. Hampton | Timothy Pillsbury |
| Henry Bedinger | Hugh A. Haralson | Harvey Putnam |
| Hiram Belcher | John H. Harmanson | William A. Richardson |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | Hugh L. W. Hill | John L. Robinson |
| Ausburn Birdsall | Henry W. Hilliard | William Rockhill |
| John Blanchard | Isaac E. Holmes | William Sawyer |
| Thomas S. Bocock | Charles Hudson | Augustine H. Shepperd. |
| John M. Botts | Washington Hunt | Eliakim Sherrill |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | Samuel W. Inge | Alexander D. Sims |
| James B. Bowlin | Charles J. Ingersoll | Robert Smith |
| Linn Boyd | Joseph R. Ingersoll | Frederick P. Stanton |
| Nathaniel Boydon | Timothy Jenkins | George A. Starkweather |
| Jasper E. Brady | James H. Johnson | Charles E. Stuart |
| Richard Brodhead | Robert W. Johnson | John Strohm |
| William G. Brown | David S. Kaufman | William Strong |
| Charles Brown | Daniel P. King | John L. Taylor |
| Albert G. Brown | Samuel Lahm | Jacob Thompson |
| Armistead Burt | Emile La Sère | John B. Thompson |
| E. Carrington Cabell | Shepherd Leffler | Robert A. Thompson |
| Charles W. Cathcart | Thomas W. Ligon | William Thompson |
| Franklin Clark | Abraham Lincoln | Benjamin B. Thurston |
| Howell Cobb | John H. Lumpkin | Patrick W. Tompkins |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | Robert McClelland | Amos Tuck |
| John R. J. Daniel | James McDowell | Thomas J. Turner |
| John Dickey | Abraham R. McIlvaine | John Van Dyke |
| Rudolphus Dickinson | Job Mann | Abraham W. Venable |
| William Duer | Horace Mann | Samuel F. Vinton |
| George G. Dunn | Dudley Marvin | Cornelius Warren |
| George N. Eckert | Richard K. Meade | John Wentworth |
| Alexander Evans | John K. Miller | Hugh White |
| Nathan Evans | Jonathan D. Morris | William W. Wick |
| John Freedley | Isaac E. Morse | James S. Wiley |
| Richard French | Joseph Mullin | Hezekiah Williams |
| George Fries | David Outlaw | James Wilson |
| John P. Gaines | John G. Palfrey | Joseph A. Woodward. |

Mr. Vinton thereupon withdrew his motion for the previous question;

And, after further debate,

Mr. Goggin moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the vote on the passage of the said bill be reconsidered?

And decided in the affirmative.

The question recurred on the passage of the said bill: when

Mr. Brodhead moved that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the bill be laid upon the table; which motion was not agreed to.

And the question was then put on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Brodhead,

And decided in the affirmative.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of Plainfield, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Chicago, via Flag creek and Plainfield, to Ottawa.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The petition of citizens of Madison county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Greenville, in Bond county, to Staunton, in Macoupin county.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Howell Cobb reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 108) making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1849, had come to no conclusion thereon.

And, theupon,

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 3 o'clock and fifteen minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## FRIDAY, May 12, 1848.

Mr. Goggin moved that the vote of the House by which the bill from the Senate (No. 119) entitled "An act in amendment of an act entitled 'An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department,'''' passed the 3d of March, 1845, was yesterday recommitted to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be reconsidered; which motion was agreed to; and

The question was put, Shall the bill pass?

And decided in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the amendment of the House to the said bill.

Mr. Featherston obtained leave, in pursuance of previous notice, and introduced a bill (No. 476) to authorize and require certain illegal entries of the public lands at the land office in Columbus, Mississipi, to be cancelled, and for other purposes: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Dunn: The memorial of the University of the State of Indiana—heretofore presented December 20, 1843: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Morris: The petition of citizens of Highland county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establisment of a mail route from Wilmington, in Clinton county, to Georgetown, in Brown county.

By Mr. William Thompson: The petition of citizens of Wapello and Davis counties, in the State of Iowa, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Ashland, in Wapello county, to Bloomfield, in Davis county.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cabell reported that the committee had had under consideration a bill (No. 67) for settling the claim of the legal representatives of Richard W. Meade, deceased, and directed him to report the same to the House, with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill: when Mr. Barringer moved the previous question.

Mr. McKay moved that the bill be laid upon the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 118 / Nays ..... 38

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Richard L. T. Beale
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Richard S. Canby
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Daniel Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
George Fries
John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Mr. James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Samuel W. Inge
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Horace Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nes
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
John L. Taylor
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Mr. John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
E. Carrington Cabell
Mr. John G. Chapman
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston

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| Mr. John Dickey | Mr. Isaac E. Holmes | Mr. John S. Pendleton |
| Garnett Duncan | John W. Houston | J. Dixon Roman |
| George G. Dunn | Charles J. Ingersoll | Truman Smith |
| George N. Eckert | Joseph R. Ingersoll | Alexander H. Stephens |
| Thomas S. Flournoy | Abraham Lincoln | William Strong |
| John Freedley | Robert M. McLane | Patrick W. Tompkins |
| John Gayle | George P. Marsh | John Van Dyke |
| William T. Haskell | Henry C. Murphy | Cornelius Warren |
| Thomas J. Henley | William A. Newall | Hugh White. |
| Henry W. Hilliard | John G. Palfrey | |

And then, on motion of Mr. George W. Jones, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## SATURDAY, May 13, 1848.

Mr. Albert G. Brown, in pursuance of previous notice, obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 477) for the relief of the West Feliciana Railroad Company: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Adams, by leave, presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Kentucky in favor of Asa Whitney's plan for constructing a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Also, a resolution of the same Legislature concerning the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Engraving, to which was referred the chart of a proposed route of steamers from San Francisco or Monterey, in California, to Shanghai and Canton, in China, and from the same port to the Sandwich islands, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That one copy of the chart accompanying said report be engraved for each number thereof ordered by the House to be printed.

Mr. Barringer moved that the said report and resolution be recommitted to the Committee on Engraving, with instructions to ascertain and report to the House the expense of engraving said maps.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the said report be laid upon the table: which motion was disagreed to; and

The motion made by Mr. Barringer was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Edwards, by leave,

*Resolved*, That Charles Ewing, an invalid pensioner, have leave to withdraw his petition and accompanying papers now on file in the clerk's office of this House.

The papers of Charles Ewing were forthwith delivered to Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Printing, reported the following resolution; which was read, and laid upon the table one day, under the rule:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, requested to inform this House of the cause of delay in furnishing to the public printers the index and other matter required to complete the annual report of that officer on commerce and navigation;

and also, when the same will be furnished so that said printers can deliver said report to this House as ordered by it.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Hudson: The memorial of the American statistical association of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying Congress to take into consideration a plan proposed by said association, and pass such laws in relation to taking the census in 1850, as will effectually secure fulness and accuracy: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Ligon: The memorial of F. A. Gibbons, of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying remuneration for losses sustained by him in building a light-house at Egmont Key, in the State of Florida: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Daniel: The petition of William J. Patterson, for himself and others, praying payment of the arrears of pension due Elizabeth Patterson, deceased, late widow of James Patterson, who was a revolutionary soldier: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, praying that the public lands be laid out into lots and farms, for the free use of such persons as will occupy them, not possessed of other lands: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 33. An act authorizing the payment of interest upon the advances made by the State of Alabama for the use of the United States government in the suppression of the Creek Indian hostilities of 1836 and 1837 in Alabama, and for other purposes;

No. 188. An act explanatory of the act entitled "An act to raise for a limited time an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved 11th February, 1847;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have disagreed to the first of the amendments of the House to the bill of the Senate (No. 119) in amendment of an act to amend the act entitled "An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of fraud on the revenues of the Post Office Department," passed March 3, 1845; and have disagreed to so much of the second of the said amendments as proposes to strike out the second and third sections of said bill, and agree to the residue of said amendment to be added to the bill as section 4.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sims reported that the committee had had under consideration a bill (No. 68) for the relief of the legal representa-

tives of Benjamin Hodges, deceased, had come to no resolution thereon.

And then, on motion of Mr. Root, the House, at 15 minutes before 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until Monday next, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## MONDAY, May 15, 1848.

Mr. Haralson moved that the rules of the House be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to move that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill (No. 430) to refund money for expenses incurred, subsistence or transportation furnished, for the use of volunteers during the present war, before being mustered and received into the service of the United States; which motion was agreed to—two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Haralson accordingly submitted his said motion; which was agreed to; and

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, which was read: when

Mr. Haralson moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time and passed, under the previous question moved upon its passage by Mr. Haralson.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Chapman, (the rules of the House being suspended for the purpose,) the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union were discharged from the consideration of the bill (No. 422) to continue, alter, and amend the charter of the city of Washington.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; which was read: when

Mr. Sims moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 96 / Nays ..... 59

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown

Mr. Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier

Mr. John Dickey
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John P. Gaines

Mr. John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln

Mr. James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
Samuel O. Peyton
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
John A. Rockwell
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland

Mr. Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Charles W. Cathcart
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall

Mr. David Hammons
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Shepherd Leffler
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
Job Mann
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee

Mr. John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
William Strong
James Thompson
William Thompson
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

Mr. Meade moved that the last mentioned vote be reconsidered.

Mr. Chapman moved that the said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 92 / Nays ..... 67

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown

Mr. Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston

Mr. John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy

Mr. John Freedley
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Mr. James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
Samuel O. Peyton
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
John A. Rockwell
Robert C. Schenck
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Mr. Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
Mr. Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Ephraim K Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

The said bill was then read a third time; and the question was stated on its passage: when

Mr. Chapman moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Henly moved that the vote on the passage of the said bill be reconsidered.

And, after debate,

Mr. Cocke moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 74 / Nays ..... 58

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Washington Barrow
Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
Mr. John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts

Mr. Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
James Dixon
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Mr. Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Mr. R. Barnwell Rhett
John A. Rockwell
Eliakim Sherrill
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Charles W. Cathcart
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Mr. George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Mr. Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
John G. Palfrey
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
James Thompson
William Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams.
David Wilmot.

So the said bill stands passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Morehead: The petition of John Rose—heretofore presented January 23, 1846;

Also, the petition of John Harper, of Woodford county, in the State of Kentucky, praying for a pension on account of services rendered in the war of the revolution;

Also, the petition of Adam Harper—heretofore presented March 11, 1844.

By Mr. Collins: The petition of Edward Shepard, praying for a pension in consideration of his services during the revolutionary war.

By Mr. Preston: The petition of Mary Cook, widow of John Cook, deceased, praying that she may be allowed the benefit of the

provisions of certain laws granting pensions to the widows of revolutionary soldiers.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The petition of Sarah Hicks, heir-at-law of John Davis, deceased, praying for a re-appropriation to pay the share of prize money due the said Davis, one of the captors of Algerine vessels, and which money reverted to surplus fund: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Preston: The memorial of citizens of Pocahontas county, in the State of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a mail route to pass along Knapp's creek, in said county: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Morehead: The memorial of Francis Lloyd, of Frankfort, in the State of Kentucky—heretofore presented February 12, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Stewart, of Pennsylvania, (the rules having been suspended for the purpose,) offered a resolution; which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Bayly, modified and agreed to as follows, under the previous question moved upon its passage by Mr. Bayly:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House the aggregate amount of exports and imports during the three quarters of the years 1847 and 1848, ending the 31st March; also, showing the amount of specie exported and imported, breadstuffs and provisions of all kinds, and cotton, exported during said periods; showing separately the amount of each exported to, and imported from, England. And that the Secretary of the Treasury be also required to report to this House the whole amount of agricultural produce and products of the forests of this country, from 1824 to the present time, together with the exports and imports of specie for the same period.

Mr. Vinton offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That debate on House bill (No. 108) making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending 30th June, 1849, shall cease in one half hour after the consideration thereof shall again be resumed in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union; and the said committee shall then proceed under the rules of the House to vote on the pending amendments to said bill, and such as may then be offered thereto.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Strong moved to amend the same by striking out the word "*half*;" which amendment was not agreed to.

And the resolution, as offered by Mr. Vinton, was then agreed to by the House.

Mr. Kaufman moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to move that the bill (No. 260) to establish certain post routes, be made the special order for Friday next.

Pending which motion,

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House, at 2 o'clock and twenty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1848.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of certain volunteers of the State of Tennessee, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 478) for the relief of Archibald Beard and twenty-one other mounted Tennessee voluunteers: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, to which was referred the subject of additional clerks in several bureaus in the Treasury Department, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 479) to authorize an increase in the number of clerks in the Treasury Department: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Flournoy, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of William J. Turner, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 480) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Flournoy, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of William P. Yonge, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 481) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Flournoy, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Thomas Chaney: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Thibodeaux, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the petition of citizens of Essex, Massachusetts, for the annexation of that town to the collection district of Gloucester; also, the resolution of the House of 9th of March last, in relation to the establishment of a port of entry at Bucksville, South Carolina, reported a bill (No. 482) to establish a collection district in the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of J. B. Brown and others for the issuing of a register to the brig Encarnacion, reported a bill (No. 483) to authorize the issuing of a register to the brig Encarnacion: which was read a first and second time; and

Ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Grinnell, from the same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Philip J. Fontane, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 484) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 201) entitled "An act to provide for the repair and improvement of the dam at the head of Cumberland island, in the Ohio river," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Grinnell, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 228) entitled "An act extending privileges to American vessels engaged in a certain mentioned trade, and for other purposes," reported the same with an amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, the question being on agreeing to the said amendment:

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; which motion was not agreed to; and

The said amendment was then ordered to be engrossed, and the bill to be read a third time.

The amendment being engrossed, the bill was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Hunt, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 485) making appropriations for certain marine hospitals therein named: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Moses Hampton, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 486) making appropriations for the improvement of certain rivers and harbors, and for the survey of certain other rivers and harbors: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Putnam, from the Committee on Public Lands, made an adverse report upon the petition of Evander. M. Soper and others: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 100) entitled "An act to require the holders of military land warrants to compensate the land officers of the United States for services in relation to the location of those warrants," reported the same without amendment;

And the bill was ordered to be read a third time to-day.

And, thereupon,

The bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Garnett Duncan, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 487. A bill to settle the title to certain tracts of land in the State of Arkansas;

No. 488. A bill to authorize the location of certain adjudicated claims in the State of Arkansas, commonly known as Lovely donation claims;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the reports and bills ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garnett Duncan, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of the heirs of Archibald Laughrey, deceased: which bill was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garnett Duncan, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 489) extending to John Whitsett's heirs the privilege of purchasing a quarter section of land which was given to him by an act approved March 2, 1839: which bill was read a first and second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb, from the Committee on Public Lands, made an adverse report upon the petition of Alfred F. Randolph: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 490) to amend the act entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands and to grant pre-emption rights," approved September 4, 1841, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, and the question was stated on engrossing: when

Mr. Conger moved that the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And, after debate,

Mr. Dickey moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time? (the motion to commit being set aside by the previous question.)

And decided in the affirmative.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Embree, by unanimous consent, offered the following resolution; which was read and agreed to:

Whereas the Congress of the United States granted to the State of Indiana the reserved township of land in Gibson county, in said State, for the use of a university of learning, and thereby deprived

the inhabitants of said township of the sixteenth section thereof for common school purposes; to remedy which, an act of Congress was passed and approved on the 11th day of August, 1842, in pursuance of which, James Smith, of said county, was appointed to make selection of lands in lieu of said sixteenth section; and according to said appointment, said Smith selected the following tracts of public land, to wit: South half of section five, northeast quarter of section five, northeast quarter of section four, township twenty-five north, range three east, of second principal meridian in the State of Indiana:

And whereas said James Smith made his report to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, which report and selection was not approved and confirmed, because the minimum price of said land was two dollars per acre:

And whereas, since said selection was made, the following parts of said selected lands have been sold by the United States, to wit: the north half of the northeast quarter of section five, and the west half of the southwest quarter of section five:

And whereas, for the purpose of giving time for a special act to be passed in relation to said unsold selected tracts of land, the commissioner has reserved the same from sale therefor:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands inquire into the expediency of passing a special act authorizing said Commissioner of the General Land Office to confirm said report of said James Smith, and to authorize him to make a further selection in lieu of said parts sold since said selection.

Mr. Goggin, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported sundry amendments to the bill (No. 260) to establish certain post routes: which were committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Goggin, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill (No. 177) from the Senate entitled "An act to declare the true intent and meaning, so far as respects the franking privilege of members of Congress, of the act approved the 1st of March, 1847, and entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'an act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the Post Office Department,'" passed 3d of March, 1845, and for other purposes, reported the same back with an amendment, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Goggin, from the same committee, to which was referred bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 86. An act for the relief of Nathaniel Kuykendall;

No. 69. An act for the relief of Creed Taylor;

No. 83. An act for the relief of Joseph F. Caldwell;

reported the same back without amendment, accompanied by reports in writing in each case.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Goggin, from the same committee, to which was referred the letter of April 14, 1848, from the Postmaster General, transmitting—

1. A copy of the abstract of the offers for carrying the mail, made within the year preceding the 1st of July, 1847.

2. A report of all contracts made for the transportation of the mail within the year aforesaid.

3. A statement of all such land and water mails as have been established or ordered within said year.

4. A report of all additional allowances made to mail contractors within the said year.

5. A report of curtailments of mail service and pay ordered within the said year.

6. A report of fines imposed and deductions made from the pay of contractors within the same time:

moved that the committee be discharged from the consideration of the same, and the said abstract, statement, and reports, laid upon the table; and that so much thereof as exhibits additional allowances made to mail contractors for mail service, be printed: which motion was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill (No. 166) entitled "An act concerning school lands in the State of Florida;" in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

They have passed a bill of the House (No. 292) entitled "An act to provide for the ventilation of passenger vessels, and for other purposes," with amendments; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

They have passed the bill of the House (No. 209) entitled "An act for the relief of William P. Brady," without amendment.

And then the Secretary withdrew.

Subsequently the House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill of the House, (No. 292:) when

The said amendments of the Senate were read and concurred in.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. George S. Houston moved that the House proceed to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table; which motion was agreed to: when

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary, transmitting a report of Messrs. Hardin and Brewster, late commissioners under the 17th article of the Cherokee treaty of 1835–'36, called for by a resolution of the House on the 26th ultimo: which letter and report were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 33. An act authorizing the payment of interest upon the advances made by the State of Alabama for the use of the United States government in the suppression of the Creek Indian hostilities of 1836 and 1837 in Alabama, and for other purposes;

S. No. 166. An act concerning school lands in the State of Florida;

S. No. 242. An act respecting the public archives in the State of Florida;

S. No. 202. An act for the relief of the bona fide settlers under the acts for the armed occupation and settlement of a part of the Territory of Florida;

S. No. 249. An act to authorize the district judge of the State of Tennessee to hold special terms; and

S. No. 188. An act explanatory of the act entitled "An act to raise for a limited time an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved 11th February, 1847;

were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 33. To the Committee of Ways and Means.

No. 166. To the Committee on Public Lands.

No. 242. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 202. To the Committee on Public Lands.

No. 249. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 188. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Robert W. Johnson, the vote referring the last named bill (S. No. 188) to the Committee on Military Affairs, was reconsidered, and the House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill: when

Mr. George W. Jones moved to amend the said bill, by inserting at the end of the second section the following:

"Provided such promotion shall have been made subsequent to the original organization of the company, corps, or regiment to which such privates and non-commissioned officers may have belonged."

Mr. Robert W. Johnson moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said amendment?

And decided in the affirmative.

The said amendment was then ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said amendment being engrossed, the bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment.

The House proceeded to the reconsideration of the amendments of the House disagreed to by the Senate to the bill from the Senate (No. 119) entitled "An act in amendment of an act to amend the act entitled 'an act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use, and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of fraud on the revenues of the Post Office Department," passed 3d March, 1845: when,

On motion of Mr. Grinnell, it was

*Resolved*, That the House do *recede* from its amendments to the said bill (No. 119) disagreed to by the Senate, (which resolution was passed under the previous question moved by Mr. Goggin.)

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate of the action of the House upon the said amendments.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Com-

mittee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Howell Cobb reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 108) making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending 30th June, 1849, had found itself without a quorum, whereupon he had caused the roll of members to be called; the names of the absentees are as follows:

George Ashmun, Hiram Belcher, Kingsley S. Bingham, James B. Bowlin, Linn Boyd, Jasper E. Brady, Charles Brown, Charles W. Cathcart, Beverly L. Clark, John W. Crisfield, John Crowell, John H. Crozier, James Dixon, Daniel Duncan, Joseph E. Edsall, Alexander Evans, James J. Faran, Andrew S. Fulton, James S. Green, Dudley S. Gregory, Nathan K. Hall, John H. Harmanson, William T. Haskell, William Henry, Washington Hunt, Alexander Irvin, Alfred Iverson, John Jamieson, Robert W. Johnson, John W. Jones, Orlando Kellogg, Samuel Lahm, Sidney Lawrence, Lewis C. Levin, Frederick W. Lord, John A. McClernand, Job Mann, Richard K. Meade, William Nelson, William A. Newall, Henry Nicoll, Lucius B. Peck, George Petrie, John Pettit, James Pollock, Julius Rockwell, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, Daniel B. St. John, Eliakim Sherrill, Peter H. Sylvester, James H. Thomas, James Thompson, Jacob Thompson, Richard W. Thompson, Rober Toombs, David Wilmot, James Wilson.

It now appearing that a quorum was present,

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Howell Cobb reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the said bill, (No. 108,) had directed him to report the same with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments; which were read, and the question was stated on agreeing thereto: when

Mr. Stephens moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the said amendments were agreed to; and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed, under the previous question moved thereon by Mr. Cock.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Thibodeaux: The petition of citizens of the State of Louisiana, praying for the establishment of a light-boat on Ship island shoal, in said State.

By Mr. Smart: The petition of citizens of Camden, Maine, pray-

ing for the construction of a light-house on Indian island, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Freedley: The petition of Calvin Blythe, executor of Jesse D. Elliott, deceased, praying reimbursement of certain moneys expended by the said Elliott in entertaining, on board his flag ship the Constitution, in the Mediterranean, the King of Greece and other distinguished strangers.

By Mr. Murphy: The petition of James W. Low—heretofore presented January 25, 1844.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Dickinson: The memorial of Abel Rawson, praying for the passage of an act providing for the confirmation of title to the purchasers of section 16, township No. 3 north, in range 16 east, in Seneca county, and State of Ohio: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Daniel: The petition of Isaac Sterling and Rebecca Bedsole, only heirs of Comfort Sterling, deceased, praying payment of the arrears of pension to which the said deceased was entitled on account of the services of her late husband, Seth Sterling, deceased, in the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. James H. Johnson: The petition of citizens of Coos county, in the State of New Hampshire, praying for the purchase of Mount Vernon by the general government.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of clerks of the United States pay department at New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, praying for increase of compensation for their services.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Isaac E. Holmes: The petition of citizens of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, praying for the establishment of a uniform rate of postage.

By Mr. Preston: The petition of citizens of Nicholas county, in the State of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Clintonville, in Greenbriar county, to Pocahontas court-house, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Daniel P. King reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 393) making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending 30th June, 1849, had come to no resolution thereon.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Resolved*, That debate on the said bill (No. 393) shall cease in

one quarter of an hour after the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union shall again resume the consideration of said bill; and the said committee shall then proceed, under the rules of the House, to vote on such amendments as may then be offered thereto.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 3 o'clock and thirty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1848.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Kaufman obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 491) giving the consent of the government of the United States to the State of Texas to extend her eastern boundary so as to include within her limits one half of Sabine pass, Sabine lake, and Sabine river, as far north as the thirty-second degree of north latitude: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Kaufman presented resolutions of the Legislature of Texas, in relation to extending the jurisdiction of said State over one half of Sabine pass, lake, and river: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chapman, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 164) entitled "An act to provide a free communication across the Eastern branch of the Potomac river, in the District of Columbia," reported the same with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Chapman, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 492) to provide a communication across the Eastern branch of the Potomac river, in the district of Columbia: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (No. 493) for the relief of Levi H. Corson, and for other purposes, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of William Fuller: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Taylor, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 111) entitled "An act for the relief of Reynolds May," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Daniel P. King, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That D. F. Manice have leave to withdraw from the files of the Clerk the papers presented by him, and that the Commissioner of Pensions be requested to transmit to the Clerk the petition and papers in the case of Charity Freeman.

The papers in the case of De Forest Manice were forthwith delivered to Mr. Daniel P. King.

Mr. Gayle, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill (No. 494) to grant portions of the public lands to the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company, and for other purposes, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the report and bill ordered be printed.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report upon the petition of the heirs of Lieutenant Bartlett Hinds, accompanied by a bill (No. 495) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Butler, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of the heirs of Nehemiah Stokely, accompanied by a bill (No. 496) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Butler, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Abram Brinker: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barringer, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred joint resolutions of the Legislature of Indiana in relation to the Miami Indians, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barringer, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of the Catawba tribe of Indians, and of Joseph Keener and others, on behalf of the same, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barringer, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 497. A bill for the relief of E. B. Cogswell;

No. 498. A bill for the relief of Jesse Sutton;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the reports and bills ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barringer, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 97) entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel W. Bell, a native of the Cherokee nation," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Jacob Thompson presented the petition of B. Marshall, Tuckahatchee, G. W. Stidham, and George Scott, delegates of the

Creek nation, for the passage of a law for the adjustment of their unsettled business: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Burt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the resolutions of the Legislature of New York, in favor of granting to the widows and orphans of officers and soldiers who fall in battle pensions equal to the pay proper of such officers and soldiers, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Burt,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the resolutions of the Legislature of Florida for the appropriation of St. Francis barracks, at St. Augustine, for the use of a seminary of learning; also, from the consideration of the resolutions of the Legislature of Michigan in relation to the general government refunding to that State certain moneys expended in fitting out the first regiment of volunteer infantry; also, from the petition of John Campbell and Co., of Pensacola, for payment of subsistence furnished troops in the service of the United States in 1847; and that they be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Boyd,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of officers of the United States army, now on duty in Mexico, for an increase of the price of rations; also, from the consideration of the petition of George W. Crawford for the payment of his account for supplies furnished, the original papers of which were lost; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Fisher, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of John F. Staser, of Indiana, for a grant of bounty land; also, upon the petition of George E. Blake, administrator of J. Edmund Blake: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Elias B. Holmes, under the rule, handed to the Clerk notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to change and establish the compensation for mileage of Senators and members of Congress.

Mr. Farrelly, from the managers appointed to conduct the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments to the bill of the Senate (No. 39) entitled "An act to provide additional examiners in the Patent office, and for other purposes," made the following report:

The committee of conference of the Senate and House of Representatives, upon their disagreement as to the amendments of the House to the said Senate bill, (No. 39,) report: That after full consultation, the committee recommend that the Senate do recede from its resolution disagreeing to the following amendments of the House to said bill, viz:

1. The amendment striking out the words in line 17 to line 20. Section 3, "that the Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to appoint," and inserting in lieu thereof, "that there shall be ap-

pointed in manner aforesaid." And that said amendments be agreed to by the Senate.

And the committee recommend that the House recede from its amendment in line 17, section 1, striking out the words "twenty-five hundred," and inserting the words "two thousand;" and agree to said section as it passed the Senate, with the following proviso to be added to said section:

"*Provided*, That the power to extend patents now vested in the board, composed of the Secretary of State, Commissioner of Patents, and Solicitor of the Treasury, by the 18th section of the act approved July 4, 1836, respecting the Patent office, shall hereafter be vested solely in the Commissioner of Patents; and when an application is made to him for the extension of a patent, according to said 18th section, and sixty days' notice given thereof, he shall refer the case to the principal examiner having charge of the class of inventions to which said case belongs, who shall make a full report to said commissioner of the said case, and particularly whether the invention or improvement secured in the patent was new and patentable when patented; and thereupon the said commissioner shall grant or refuse the extension of said patent upon the same principles and rules that have governed said board; but no patent shall be extended for a longer term than seven years."

And the committee recommend said bill be passed as so amended.

The committee annex hereto a letter from the Solicitor of the Treasury, setting forth reasons for the adoption of this proviso, in which it is understood the officers of said board concur.*

J. W. FARRELL, *Chairman Com. H. R.*
JAMES D. WESCOTT, *Chairman Com. Sen.*

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The House proceeded to the consideration of the said report, which was read; and the question, Will the House agree thereto? was stated: when

Mr. Ficklin raised a question of order, that the said conference by their report proposed to introduce new matter into the said bill.

The Speaker overruled the question of order; and

The question recurred on agreeing to the said report.

And, after debate,

Mr. Hunt moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said report,

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 92 / Nays ..... 69

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Henry Bedinger | Mr. Thomas S. Bocock |
| Archibald Atkinson | Richard L. T. Beale | John M. Botts |
| Daniel M. Barringer | Ausburn Birdsall | Samuel A. Bridges |
| Thomas H. Bayly | John Blanchard | Richard Brodhead |

* For said letter see manuscript report.

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| Mr. Albert G. Brown | Mr. Thomas J. Henley | Mr. William Rockhill |
| Aylett Buckner | Henry W. Hilliard | John A. Rockwell |
| Armistead Burt | Isaac E. Holmes | J. Dixon Roman |
| E. Carrington Cabell | John W. Houston | David Rumsey, jr. |
| Richard S. Canby | Samuel D. Hubbard | Caleb B. Smith |
| John G. Chapman | Charles Hudson | Robert Smith |
| Asa W. H. Clapp | Washington Hunt | Truman Smith |
| Thomas L. Clingman | Charles J. Ingersoll | Frederick P. Stanton |
| Robert B. Cranston | Joseph R. Ingersoll | Alexander H. Stephens |
| James Dixon | Alexander Irvin | Andrew Stewart |
| Garnett Duncan | Timothy Jenkins | John Strohm |
| George G. Dunn | T. Butler King | William Strong |
| George N. Eckert | Daniel P. King | Frederick A. Tallmadge |
| Thomas O. Edwards | William T. Lawrence | John L. Taylor |
| Alexander Evans | Abraham Lincoln | Bannon G. Thibodeaux |
| John W. Farrelly | William B. Maclay | John B. Thompson |
| Thomas S. Flournoy | James McDowell | William Thompson |
| John Freedley | Abraham R. McIlvaine | Benjamin B. Thurston |
| George Fries | Robert M. McLane | Patrick W. Tompkins |
| Andrew S. Fulton | Dudley Marvin | Thomas J. Turner |
| John P. Gaines | Isaac E. Morse | John Van Dyke |
| John Gayle | Henry C. Murphy | Samuel F. Vinton |
| Joseph Grinnell | William Nelson | Cornelius Warren |
| Artemas Hale | Henry Nes | Hugh White |
| James G. Hampton | William B. Preston | James Wilson |
| Samson W. Harris | Harvey Putnam | Joseph A. Woodward. |
| William T. Haskell | Gideon Reynolds | |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Green Adams | Mr. Winfield S. Featherston | Mr. James J. McKay |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Orlando B. Ficklin | Job Mann |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | David Fisher | John K. Miller |
| James B. Bowlin | Richard French | Jonathan D. Morris |
| Linn Boyd | Meredith P. Gentry | Joseph Mullin |
| Nathaniel Boyden | Joshua R. Giddings | David Outlaw |
| William G. Brown | William L. Goggin | John S. Pendleton |
| Lucien B. Chase | Daniel Gott | Samuel O. Peyton |
| Franklin Clark | David Hammons | William A. Richardson |
| Howell Cobb | Hugh A. Haralson | Thomas Richey |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | Hugh L. W. Hill | John L. Robinson |
| William M. Cocke | Elias B. Holmes | Joseph M. Root |
| William Collins | George S. Houston | Augustine H. Shepperd |
| Harmon S. Conger | Andrew Johnson | Alexander D. Sims |
| John H. Crozier | Robert W. Johnson | Ephraim K. Smart |
| John D. Cummins | George W. Jones | George A. Starkweather |
| John R. J. Daniel | David S. Kaufman | Charles E. Stuart |
| John Dickey | William Kennon, jr. | Jacob Thompson |
| Rudolphus Dickinson | Samuel Lahm | Abraham W. Venable |
| Richard S. Donnell | Shepherd Leffler | John Wentworth |
| Daniel Duncan | John H. Lumpkin | William W. Wick |
| Elisha Embree | Robert McClelland | James S. Wiley |
| Nathan Evans | John A. McClernand | Hezekiah Williams. |

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. T. Butler King: The memorial of A. D. Bishop, of the city and State of New York, praying for the passage of an act authorizing the purchase, for the benefit of government, his invention by letters patent for an improved boom derrick: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Maclay: The memorial of the common council of the city and State of New York, praying for the passage of the bill providing for the return of duties collected upon goods consumed by the

great fire of the 19th of July, 1845: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Crozier: The petitioner of citizens of Murray county, in the State of Georgia, and Polk and Bradley counties, in the State of Tennessee, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Dalton, in the State of Georgia, to Benton, in the State of Tennessee: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The memorial of citizens of Portland, in the State of Maine, praying for such change in the law as shall encourage native and protect foreign authors from depredation: which was referred to the select committee on international copyright law.

On motion of Mr. Kaufman, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Daniel P. King reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 393. A bill making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending 30th June, 1849;

No. 394. A bill making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1849;

had directed him to report the first-mentioned bill without amendment, and that the committee had come to no resolution on the last-named bill.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill (No. 393) reported without amendment; when it was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the amendments of the House to the bill of the Senate (No. 228) extending privileges to American vessels engaged in a certain mentioned trade, and for other purposes.

The Senate have passed the bill (H. R. No. 483) to authorize the issuing of a register to the brig Encarnacion, without amendment.

They have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 68. An act authorizing the Secretary of War to surrender certain bonds of the State of Indiana (held by the United States) to the agent of State for said State of Indiana: and

No. 246. An act renewing certain naval pensions for the term of five years, and extending the benefits of existing laws respecting naval pensions to engineers, firemen, and coalheavers in the navy and to their widows:

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. John W. Houston offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That when the House meets on Monday next, it adjourns to meet on the following Thursday, to afford an opportunity for fitting the hall for summer occupation.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Resolved*, That debate on House bill (No. 394) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending June 30, 1849, shall cease in one hour after the consideration thereof shall be resumed in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and said committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be proposed thereto.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 100. An act to require the holders of military land warrants to compensate the land officers of the United States for services in relation to the location of those warrants;

S. No. 119. An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'an act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use, and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department," passed the 3d of March, 1845;

H. R. No. 292. An act to provide for the ventilation of passenger vessels, and for other purposes;

H. R. No. 209. An act for the relief of William P. Brady;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

And then, on motion of Mr. Caleb B. Smith, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (No. 188) entitled "An act explanatory of the act entitled 'An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes,'" approved 11th February, 1847.

The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 21. An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Robert Purkis;

No. 130. An act to authorize the relinquishment of the sixteenth section in certain cases, and the selection of other lands in lieu thereof;

No. 239. An act to authorize notaries public to take and certify oaths, affirmations, and acknowledgments, in certain cases;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Subsequently, the said bills (Nos. 21, 130, and 230) were severally read a first and second time and referred—

No. 21. To the Committee on Claims.

No. 130. To the Committee on Public Lands.

No. 239. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Bingham, by leave,

*Resolved*, That permission be granted to the administrator to withdraw all the papers pertaining to the claim of the late John Johnson from the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Cabell, by leave,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw all papers in the case of J. M. Bates, in possession of the House of Representatives.

The papers of J. M. Bates were forthwith delivered to the honorable E. C. Cabell.

On motion of Mr. Cabell, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of declaring the town of Miami, in the county of Dade, State of Florida, a port of entry and delivery, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Albert G. Brown, by leave,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill (No. 350) "supplemental to an act to confirm the survey and location of claims for land in the State of Mississippi, east of the Pearl river and south of the thirty-first degree of north latitude," approved March 3, 1845, and that it be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Abbott, by leave, presented resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts, and also a memorial of the same Legislature in favor of reduction of the rates of postage: which resolutions and memorial were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Robert Smith, by leave,

*Resolved*, That Lieutenant M. Thomas have leave to withdraw from the files of the House the papers relating to his claim against the government.

The papers of Lieutenant Martin Thomas were forthwith delivered to Mr. Robert Smith.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 422. An act to continue, alter, and amend the charter of the city of Washington;

No. 483. An act to authorize the issuing a register to the brig Encarnacion;

and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

By unanimous consent, bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 246. An act renewing certain naval pensions for the term of five years, and extending the benefits of existing laws respecting naval pensions to engineers, firemen, and coal heavers, in the navy, and to their widows;

No. 68. An act authorizing the Secretary of War to surrender

certain bonds of the State of Indiana (held by the United States) to the agent of State for said State of Indiana;

were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 246. To the Committee on Naval Affairs.

No. 68. To the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Marvin, by leave,

*Resolved*, That D. G. Garnsey have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of this House.

On motion of Mr. French, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from the Poplar plains, in Fleming county, Kentucky, via Plummer's mills, on Fox's creek, John Mill, on Triplett, Triplett's post office, and up Christy's creek to West Liberty, in Morgan county, in the same State.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Thomas J. Dobbin's store, in Montgomery county, Kentucky, to the mouth of Aaron's run, in the same county.

On motion of Mr. White, by leave,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. No. 96) entitled "a bill to amend an act entitled 'an act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending 30th of June, 1848,' " approved March 3, 1847; and that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which were referred bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 81. An act for the relief of the forward officers of the late exploring expedition.

No. 88. An act for the relief of Thomas Brownell, reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Engraving, to which was recommitted, on the 13th instant, the report and resolution in favor of engraving a chart of a proposed route of steamers from San Francisco or Monterey, in California, to Shanghai and Canton, in China, and from the same port to the Sandwich islands, reported back the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That one copy of the chart accompanying said report be engraved for each number thereof ordered by the House to be printed.

Mr. Kaufman presented resolutions of the Legislature of Texas in relation to the "proviso," slavery, the tariff, and the war against Mexico; also, in relation to the Texas volunteers called into the service of the country in the year 1846: which resolutions were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Hilliard,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the petition of citizens of Erie and Huron counties, Ohio, that the territory to be acquired of Mexico be set apart for occupation of free black persons; and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Strong, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Olive King, formerly wife of William Eddy, Eumice Clark, widow of Ezra Clark, Caty Burnham, Elizabeth K. Brunot, widow of Felix Brunot: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Strong, from the same committee, to which was referred the resolution of the House of 7th of April last in relation to the delay in the transaction of business at the Pension office, &c., made a report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Strong, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Mary Pike, widow of Ezra Pike, accompanied by a bill (No. 499) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made a report upon the petition of Sarah Wood, widow of Major James Wood, accompanied by a bill (No. 500) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fulton, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 501. A bill for the relief of Henry Miller;

No. 502. A bill granting a pension to Gideon A. Perry;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the reports and bills ordered to be printed.

Mr. Venable, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Fielding G. Brown, accompanied by a bill (No. 503) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eckert, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Joseph Taylor, accompanied by a bill (No. 504) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eckert, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Benjamin Holland, Abner Long, and Charles Taylor: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petition of Ephraim Spoor and of Robert Milligan: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Mary W. Thompson, widow of Lieutenant Colonel Alexander R. Thompson, accompanied by a bill (No. 505) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of John Haup, accompanied by a bill (No. 506) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. William T. Lawrence,

*Resolved*, That the petition of Levi M. Roberts, on which an adverse report has been made, be taken from the files of the House, and again referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of William Tee, accompanied by a bill (No. 507) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Farrelly,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Patents be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Calvin Emmons; and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. John W. Houston, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to which was referred the petitions of R. E. Monaghan and of Stephen Bowerman, in relation to their plans for taking the yeas and nays, made a report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, from the select committee on rules and orders, moved to be discharged from the consideration of the resolution of the House of the 28th of February last, in relation to allowing a member not more than ten minutes in making a personal explanation: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. McIlvaine, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the resolution of the House of the 31st of January last, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 508) for the relief of the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Henley, from the Committee on Patents, reported a bill (No. 509) to provide for applications for the renewal of patent rights in certain cases: which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Giddings: Additional evidence in the case of William Milford: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Also, the petition of citizens of Ontario county, in the State of New York, praying for the abolishment of slavery in the District of Columbia: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. William T. Lawrence: The memorial of citizens of Ontario county, in the State of New York, remonstrating against the removal of the circuit court of the United States from Canandaigua, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Morse: The petition of William Woodward, of the State of Louisiana, praying compensation for mail service rendered on route No. 6,028, in said State: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Willard P. Hall: The memorial of citizens of the State of Missouri, praying that the heirs and widows of the men who have lost their lives in the transportation service of the United States be placed on the same footing in relation to bounty land as the widows and heirs of volunteer soldiers: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Bridges: The petition of citizens of Montgomery, Bucks, and Lehigh counties, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Sunnytown, in Montgomery county, to Emans, in Lehigh county: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Robert W. Johnson: The memorial of John Phagan, of Benton county, in the State of Arkansas, praying compensation for his services in aiding in the removal of the Seminole tribe of Indians from the State of Florida to the west side of the Mississippi river: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Giddings: The memorial of thirty-two women of the United States, praying for the withdrawal of the United States troops from Mexico, and the immediate termination of the war: which was laid on the table.

The House, by unanimous consent, resumed the consideration of the following resolution, reported from the Committee on Printing on the 4th day of May instant:

"*Resolved*, That one thousand extra copies of report No. 498, being the report of the Committee of Claims in relation to the establishment of a board of commissioners for the examination of claims against the United States, made to this House on the 26th day of April, 1848, be printed."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. McKay, the House proceeded to the consideration of the joint resolution (No. 22) defining the reports to be am-

nually made to Congress by the heads of the several executive departments, and requiring the same to be prepared immediately after the close of each fiscal year, and forthwith communicated for publication."

Mr. Grinnell moved to amend the said resolution, by adding at the end of the 24th line the following:

"And, also, the amount of salary and compensation paid to each of the several classes of officers during the year;" which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Grinnell moved further to amend the resolution, by adding at the end of line 49 the following:

"Also, the amount received in specie and treasury notes, respectively, and the amount of salaries and compensation paid to such depositories of the public money and the several clerks in their employ;" which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Grinnell moved further to amend the resolution, by adding at the end of line 103 the following:

"And, also, the number of sick, if any, on their arrival;" which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. White moved that the said resolution be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means; which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Daniel P. King reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 394) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and finding itself without a quorum, had caused the roll of members to be called; and the following are the names of the absentees, which he reported to the House, to be entered on the Journal:

Amos Abbott, George Ashmun, Archibald Atkinson, Washington Barrow, Thomas H. Bayly, Richard L. T. Beale, Henry Bedinger, Ausburn Birdsall, Thomas S. Bocock, Franklin W. Bowdon, Charles Brown, Richard S. Canby, Beverly L. Clark, Thomas L. Clingman, John W. Crisfield, John Crowell, John H. Crozier, John D. Cummins, John R. J. Daniel, Richard S. Donnell, Daniel Duncan, Joseph E. Edsall, James J. Faran, John Freedley, Meredith P. Gentry, William L. Goggin, Dudley S. Gregory, Willard P. Hall, Nathan K. Hall, James G. Hampton, John H. Harmanson, Samson W. Harris, William T. Haskell, William Henry, John W. Houston, Washington Hunt, Samuel W. Inge, Alfred Iverson, John Jamieson, James H. Johnson, Robert W. Johnson, John W. Jones, Orlando Kellogg, Sidney Lawrence, Shepherd Leffler, Lewis C. Levin, Frederick W. Lord, William B. Maclay, John A. McClernand, George P. Marsh, Richard K. Meade, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, William A. Newall, Charles H. Peaslee, Lucius B. Peck, George Petrie, Samuel O. Peyton, John S. Phelps, Timothy Pillsbury, James Pollock, William A. Richardson, Julius Rockwell, J. Dixon Roman, Robert L. Rose, David Rumsey, jr., William Sawyer, Elia-

kim Sherrill, Peter H. Sylvester, John Strohm, Frederick A. Tallmadge, James H. Thomas, James Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, William Thompson, Richard W. Thompson, Benjamin B. Thurston, Robert Toombs, William W. Wick, David Wilmot.

A quorum having appeared,

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Daniel P. King reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the said bill No. 394, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Vinton moved that the resolution passed yesterday, to close debate on the said bill, (No. 394,) be reconsidered.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the said motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Daniel P. King reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the said bill No. 394, had come to no resolution thereon.

And then, on motion of Mr. Kaufman, the House, at twelve minutes before 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## FRIDAY, May 19, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, by leave, the committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union were discharged from the consideration of the bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 114. A bill to re-establish the collection district of Brunswick, in the State of Georgia;

H. R. No. 173. A bill to establish the collection district of Wareham, in the State of Massachusetts; and

H. R. No. 405. A bill to establish a collection district in the State of New York.

On motion of Mr. Thibodeaux, by leave, the same committee were discharged from the consideration of the bill (H. R. No. 482) to establish a collection district in the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes; and

Thereupon,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bills; when they were *all*, by unanimous consent, severally ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time; and

The bills being engrossed, were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

Mr. Fulton, by unanimous consent, in pursuance of previous notice, obtained leave and introduced a joint resolution (No. 29) au-

thorizing the Secretary of State to furnish the clerk of the district court of the United States for the western district of Virginia four copies of Little and Brown's edition of the laws of the United States: which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The resolution being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments to the bill of the Senate (No. 39) to provide additional examiners in the Patent Office, and for other purposes.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles:

H. R. 292. An act to provide for the ventilation of passenger vessels, and for other purposes.

H. R. 209. An act for the relief of William P. Brady.

S. 100. An act to require the holders of military land warrants to compensate the land officers of the United States for services in relation to the location of those warrants.

S. 119. An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act to amend the act entitled "an act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use, and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of fraud on the revenues of the Post Office Department," passed 3d March, 1845.

S. 422. An act to continue, alter, and amend the charter of the city of Washington.

On motion of Mr. Marvin,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to the Hon. Mr. Rose to withdraw the papers in the case of Hopestell Roberts, widow of Ishmael Hardy.

Mr. Collamer moved that the vote by which the House yesterday passed the bill (H. R. 509) to provide for applications for the renewal of patent rights in certain cases, be reconsidered: which motion was postponed for the present.

Mr. John A. Rockwell offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on bill (H. R. No. 68) for the relief of the legal representatives of Benjamin Hodges, deceased, shall cease within ten minutes after the said bill shall again be considered in a Committee of the Whole House, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending, or offered to the same; and shall then lay it aside to be reported to the House, with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

The said resolution was read; and,

On motion of Mr. Ficklin, was amended by inserting the words

"*twenty-five*" in lieu of "*ten;*" and then was agreed to by the House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, which was delivered in at the Speaker's table, and also a message, notifying that he did this day approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 422. An act to continue, alter, and amend the charter of the city of Washington.

No. 292. An act to provide for the ventilation of passenger vessels, and for other purposes.

No. 483. An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the brig Encarnacion.

No. 209. An act for the relief of William P. Brady.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Wentworth: The petitions of citizens of Wallingford, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Blue island to Bulbonia, in Will county: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Putnam: The petition of citizens of Monroe county, in the State of New York, praying for an investigation into the conduct of Colonel Childs in regard to his requiring the soldiers under his command to kneel before the Catholic host: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Hale: The memorial of merchants and other citizens of the State of Massachusetts, praying for the erection of a breakwater on the northeastern point of Nantucket island, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. McLane: The memorial of citizens of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying for an increase of the naval force of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Strong: The petition of Sarah Davis, widow of Edward E. Davis, deceased, praying for a pension on account of the services of her late husband during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Peaslee: The petition of William Wicher, of Canterbury, in the State of New Hampshire, praying for a pension on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Sims reported that the committee had had under consideration bills of the following titles:

No. 68. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Benjamin Hodges, deceased, without amendment;

No. 69. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Cornelius Manning, deceased;

and directed him to report the first named bill (No. 68) without

amendment; and the committee had come to no resolution upon the last named bill (No. 69.)

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on a bill (H. R. No. 69) for the relief of the legal representatives of Cornelius Manning, deceased, shall cease within five minutes after the committee of the Whole shall again resume its consideration, if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same; and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Cocke, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair; and Mr. Sims reported that the committee had again had under consideration the said bill, (No. 69,) and directed him to report the same to the House with an amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, (No. 68,) this day first reported from the Committee of the Whole; when

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the same was amended; and, thereupon,

Mr. Stephens moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the said amendment was agreed to; and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time.

And the question was put, under the previous question moved by Mr. Stephens, viz: Shall it pass?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 125 / Nays..... 28 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Green Adams | Mr. Lucien B. Chase | Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy |
| Archibald Atkinson | Asa H. W. Clapp | John Freedley |
| Daniel M. Barringer | Beverly L. Clark | Richard French |
| Washington Barrow | Franklin Clark | Andrew S. Fulton |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Thomas L. Clingman | John P. Gaines |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Howell Cobb | John Gayle |
| Henry Bedinger | Williamson R. W. Cobb | Daniel Gott' |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | William M. Cocke | James S. Green |
| Ausburn Birdsall | Jacob Collamer | Willard P. Hall |
| Thomas S. Bocock | Robert B. Cranston | Hugh A. Haralson |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | John D. Cummins | John H. Harmanson |
| James B. Bowlin | John R. J. Daniel | Samson W. Harris |
| Linn Boyd | Rudolphus Dickinson | William T. Haskell |
| Nathaniel Boydon | Richard S. Donnell | Thomas J. Henley |
| Jasper E. Brady | William Duer | Hugh L. W. Hill |
| Richard Brodhead | Garnett Duncan | Henry W. Hilliard |
| Albert G. Brown | George G. Dunn | Isaac E. Holmes |
| Aylett Buckner | George N. Eckert | George S. Houston |
| Armistead Burt | Elisha Embree | John W. Houston |
| Chester Butler | Alexander Evans | Washington Hunt |
| E. Carrington Cabell | Nathan Evans | Samuel W. Inge |
| Charles W. Cathcart | Winfield S. Featherston | Charles J. Ingersoll |
| John G. Chapman | Orlando B. Ficklin | Alexander Irvin |

Mr. Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
Mr. Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
John S. Phelps
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Mr. Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Hiram Belcher
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard S. Canby
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John Dickey
James Dixon
Thomas O. Edwards
David Fisher
Joshua R. Giddings
Mr. Artemas Hale
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
Dudley Marvin
John G. Palfrey
Mr. Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John L. Robinson
Joseph M. Root
Daniel B. St. John
John I. Slingerland
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
James Wilson.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, (No. 69:) when the amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House was read, and agreed to; and

The bill the was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed under the previous question, moved by Mr. Venable.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills, (Nos. 68 and 69.)

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the vote by which the House yesterday granted leave for the papers of John Johnson to be withdrawn from the possession of the House of Representatives, be reconsidered; which motion was postponed for the present.

Mr. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 39. An act to provide additional examiners in the Patent Office, and for other purposes;

S. No. 188. An act explanatory of the act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved 11th February, 1847;

S. No. 228. An act extending privileges to American vessels engaged in a certain mentioned trade, and for other purposes;

and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have been notified by the President of

the United States that he did, on the 19th instant, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 100. An act to require the holders of military land warrants to compensate the land officers of the United States for services in relation to the location of those warrants.

S. 119. An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department," passed the 3d of March, 1845.

The Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

S. No. 270. An act concerning Spanish steam vessels;

S. No. 271. An act authorizing the issuing of a register to the Spanish steam vessels Tridente and Cetro, for a limited time;

S. No. 110. An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines of the brig of war Somers;

S. No. 117. An act for the relief of William H. Prentiss;

S. No. 126. An act for the relief of Anna J. Hassler;

S. No. 109. An act for the relief of purser Benjamin G. Cahoone;

S. No. 133. An act for the relief of Welcome Parmeter;

S. No. 134. An act for the relief of David Currier;

S. No. 113. An act for the relief of Messrs. Cook, Anthony, Mahon, and others;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

They have passed bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 397. An act for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union;

H. R. No. 70. An act for the relief of John Mitchell;

H. R. No. 4. An act for the relief of Mary Brown, widow of Jacob Brown;

severally without amendment.

They have passed the bill—

H. R. No. 107. An act making appropriations for the support of the military academy for the year ending 30th of June, 1849, with an amendment: in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, it was

*Ordered,* That the said bill (No. 107) with the amendment of the Senate thereto, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Cabell moved, that when the House adjourns to-day, it adjourn to meet on Monday next, a 9 o'clock, a. m.;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 55 / Nays ..... 79

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. Kingsley S. Bingham | Mr. Richard Brodhead |
| Washington Barrow | Ausburn Birdsall | Armistead Burt |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Thomas S. Bocock | E. Carrington Cabell |
| Henry Bedinger | Franklin W. Bowdon | Richard S. Canby |

Mr. John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green
James G. Hampton
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Mr. Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
David S. Kaufman
Samuel Lahm
William B. Maclay
Robert M. McLane
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Mr. William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
Joseph M. Root
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Alexander H. Stephens
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Samuel F. Vinton
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Linn Boyd
Jasper E. Brady
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Charles W. Cathcart
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
James Dixon
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Mr. Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Richard French
John P. Gaines
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Mr. Horace Mann
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
William A. Richardson
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 3 o'clock and thirty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## SATURDAY, May 20, 1848.

A message from the President of the United States, heretofore received, was read as follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I transmit for the information of Congress a communication from the Secretary of War and a report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, showing the result of the settlement required by the treaty of August, 1846, with the Cherokees, and the appropriations required to carry the provisions of that treaty into effect.

JAMES K. POLK.

Washington, *May* 19, 1848.

*Ordered*, That the said message and accompanying papers be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and be printed.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 109. An act for the relief of purser Benjamin G. Cahoone;

S. No. 110. An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines of the brig of war Somers;

S. No. 113. An act for the relief of Messrs. Cook, Anthony, Mahon, and others;

S. No. 117. An act for the relief of William H. Prentiss;

S. No. 126. An act for the relief of Anna J. Hassler;

S. No. 133. An act for the relief of William Parmenter;

S. No. 134. An act for the relief of David Currier;

S. No. 270. An act concerning Spanish steam vessels;

S. No. 271. An act authorizing the issuing of registers to the Spanish steam vessels Tridente and Cetro for a limited time;

which were severally read twice, and referred, as follows, viz:

No. 109. To the Committee on Naval Affairs.

No. 110. To the Committee on Naval Affairs.

No. 113. To the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

No. 117. To the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

No. 126. To the Committee on Naval Affairs.

No. 133. To the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

No. 134. To the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

No. 270. To the Committee on Commerce.

No. 271. To the Committee on Commerce.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Cathcart: The petitions of citizens of Lagrange and Elkhart counties, in the State of Indiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Lagrange village to Goshen.

By Mr. Tweedy: The petition of citizens of Cookville, in Rock county and State of Wisconsin, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Exeter, in Green county, to Lake mills, in Jefferson county.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The petition of Devereux D. Bartlett, of Marblehead, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the arrears of pension his late father, William Bartlett, deceased, was entitled for services rendered in the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Tweedy: Four petitions of citizens of Grant, Sheboygan, Walworth, and Mason counties, in the State of Wisconsin, praying that Congress authorize the purchase of the Mount Vernon estate by the general government: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Under the 114th rule of the House, notice of a motion for leave to introduce a joint resolution was handed to the Clerk, as follows:

By Mr. John W. Houston: Of a joint resolution for the removal of the mast and lantern over the dome of the Capitol.

On motion of Mr. Howell Cobb, it was

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns to-day it will adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock, a. m., on Monday next; and that leave be given to the Speaker to designate a member to take the chair at the meeting of the House on Monday next; and

Thereupon, the Speaker designated Mr. Washington Hunt.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a committee for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee had had under consideration a bill (S. No. 31) entitled "An act to provide for the purchase of the manuscript papers of the late James Madison, former President of the United States, and come to no resolution thereon:

Mr. Stephens offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the said Senate bill (No. 31) shall cease within ten minutes after the consideration of the same shall be resumed in Committee of the Whole, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Bowlin moved that it be laid upon the table; which motion was disagreed to.

And the question was then put, Will the House agree to the said resolution?

It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. White, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee had again had under consideration the said bill from the Senate, (No. 31,) and directed him to report the same to the House without amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading, which was stated: when

Mr. Baily moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill be read a third time.

And decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Andrew Johnson moved that the vote by which the bill was ordered to a third reading, be reconsidered.

And, after debate,

Mr. Bayly moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; which motion was agreed to.

The said bill was then read the third time; and

The question was stated on its passage: when

Mr. Bayly moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 82 / Nays ..... 59

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Dickey
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Mr. Henry Nes
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
William B. Preston
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren.
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
John D. Cummins
Elisha Embree
Winfield S. Featherston
Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Richard French
George Fries
James S. Green
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Mr. James J. McKay
Job Mann
Jonathan D. Morris
John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Charles E. Stuart
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Bayly moved that the vote on the passage of the bill be reconsidered.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; which was agreed to.

The title to the said bill was then read and agreed to: when

Mr. Bayly moved that the vote on agreeing to the title be reconsidered; which motion was not agreed to.

So the said bill was passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Schenck handed to the Clerk, under the rule, a notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to grant pre-emption rights to certain islands in the Great Miami river, in the State of Ohio.

Mr. Barringer, by leave, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made a report upon the petition of Lowry Williams, accompanied by a bill (No. 510) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

And then, on motion of Mr. George W. Jones, the House, at 2 o'clock and fifteen minutes, adjourned until Monday next, at 9 9'clock, a. m.

## MONDAY, May 22, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Mr. Washington Hunt.

The Journal of Saturday was read;

And then, on motion of Mr. Venable, the House, at 9 o'clock and five minutes, adjourned until Thursday next, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## THURSDAY, May 25, 1848.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The memorial of citizens of Erie county, in the State of New York, praying Congress to inquire into the report of Colonel Childs having compelled American soldiers to kneel and do homage to the Catholic Host in Mexico, and to provide for the punishment of such an offence: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, the petition of Stephen Howard, of Aurora, in the State of New York, praying compensation and bounty land on account of his services in the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Sims: The memorial of the president and professors of the Columbia College, in the State of South Carolina, praying for the establisment of an international copy-right law on terms of reciprocity: which was referred to the select Committee on International copy-right.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Wick obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 511) to prohibit the importation of slaves into the District of Columbia, with certain exceptions: which was read a first and second time; and

Mr. Wick moved that the said bill be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Jacob Thompson moved that the bill be laid upon the table.

Mr. Burt moved that there be a call of the House; which motion

was agreed to; and the roll having been called twice, one hundred and seventeen members answered to their names.

On motion of Mr. Schenck, further proceedings in the call were dispensed with.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Jacob Thompson; when

Mr. Burt moved, at 11 o'clock and thirty minutes, that the House adjourn;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 69 / Nays ..... 50

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Washington Barrow
James B. Bowlin
Samuel A. Bridges
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
George G. Dunn
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Mr. John P. Gaines
John Gayle
James G. Hampton
William T. Haskell
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
John W. Jones
John H. Lumpkin
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Mr. James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Robert C. Schenck
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
George A. Starkweather
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Cornelius Warren
William W. Wick
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Charles Brown
Franklin Clark
Jacob Collamer
James Dixon
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Mr. David Fisher
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
Washington Hunt
Andrew Johnson
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
Robert McClelland
Job Mann
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
Mr. David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
Hugh White
Hezekiah Williams.

And the House accordingly adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Barrow, by leave,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw the papers in the case of Samuel F. Reed, of Tennessee.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills: which motion was agreed to.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. McClelland reported that the committee had had under consideration sundry private bills, and had directed him to report bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 508. An act for the relief of the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina, with a recommendation that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

S. No. 121. An act to pay James Crutchett two thousand dollars for lighting the Capitol and Capitol grounds, with a recommendation that it be laid upon the table.

H. R. No. 103. An act to pay James Crutchett for lighting the Capitol and Capitol grounds, with a recommendation that it be laid upon the table.

S. 64. An act to authorize the settlement of the account of Joseph Nourse, deceased, with an amendment.

No. 350. A bill supplemental to an act to confirm the survey and location of claims for lands in the State of Mississippi;

No. 458. A bill for the relief of Maurice R. Simons;

No. 459. A bill for the relief of Eliphas C. Brown;

No. 460. A bill for the relief of Henry N. Halsted;

No. 461. A bill for the relief of Robert Ramsay;

No. 462. A bill for the relief of John Farnham;

No. 463. A bill for the relief of Andrew Flanegan;

No. 464. A bill for the relief of William Gott;

No. 465. A bill for the relief of Catharine Hoffman;

No. 470. A bill for the relief of John P. B. Gratiot and the legal representatives of Henry Gratiot;

No. 478. A bill for the relief of Archibald Baird and twenty-one other mounted Tennessee volunteers;

No. 484. A bill for the relief of Philip J. Fontaine;

No. 213. A bill for the relief of Mary B. Renner;

No. 184. A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Clerks' Provident Association;

No. 164. A bill for the relief of Elisha Richards;

No. 161. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain George R. Shoemaker;

No. 126. A bill for the relief of Anna Yarrington;

No. 118. A bill for the relief of Lewis Benedict;

No. 113. A bill for the relief of the owners of the Spanish brig Restaurador;

No. 506. A bill for the relief of John Haup;

No. 505. A bill for the relief of Mary W. Thompson;
No. 504. A bill for the relief of Joseph Taylor;
No. 503. A bill for the relief of Fielding G. Brown;
No. 502. A bill for the relief of Gideon A Perry;
No. 500. A bill for the relief of Sarah Wood;
No. 499. A bill for the relief of Mary Pike;
No. 493. A bill for the relief of Levi H. Corson, and for other purposes;
severally without amendment.

And bills of the following titles:

No. 186. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Lieutenant Francis Ware;
No. 127. A bill for the relief of Hugh Riddle;
No. 120. A bill for the relief of Joseph Perry, a Choctaw Indian, or his assignees;
No. 111. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Gerard;
severally, with an amendment to each.

And bills of the Senate of the following tiles, viz:

S. No. 111. An act for the relief of Reynolds May;
S. No. 88. An act for the relief of Thomas Brownell;
S. No. 97. An act for the relief of Samuel W. Bell, a native of the Cherokee nation:
S. No. 65. An act for the relief of Edward Bolon;
severally without amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bills: when

The said first named bill (No. 508) was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The said bills, S. No. 121 and H. R. No. 103, were severally ordered to lie upon the table.

The amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the said bill from the Senate No. 64, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-day.

The amendment being engrossed, the bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment.

The said bills, Nos. 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 470, 478, 484, 213, 184, 164, 161, 126, 118, 113, 506, 505, 504, 503, 502, 500, 499, 493, reported without amendment, were severally ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time;

And being engrossed, they were severally read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

The amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the bills of the House Nos. 127, 120, 111, were severally agreed to, and the bills were severally ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bills being engrossed, were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

The amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill No. 186, was disagreed to, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time;

And being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

And the bills from the Senate Nos. 111, 88, 97, and 65, reported without amendment, were severally ordered to be read a third time to-day; and

The bills were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The consideration of the said bill No. 350, reported from the Committee of the Whole House without amendment, was, on motion of Mr. Vinton, postponed until to-morrow.

All the bills reported from the Committee of the Whole House being disposed of,

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House; which motion was disagreed to.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Horace Mann: The petition of citizens of the State of Massachusetts, praying for the establishment of a uniform rate of postage, not to exceed one cent on newspapers and two cents on each prepaid letter of half an ounce for all distances.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of Dewit county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Waynesville, in said county, to Dillon, in Tazewell county.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Palfrey: The memorial of Francis Freeman, legal representatives of William H. Freeman, deceased, praying for relief in relation to the unsettled account of the said deceased: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Williams: The memorial of citizens of Vinalhaven, in the State of Maine, remonstrating against said town being set off from Penobscot collection district: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Cocke: The petition of the legal representatives of Lemuel P. Montgomery, deceased—heretofore presented December 29, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Ashmun: The petition of citizens of the State of Massachusetts, praying for an increase of the naval force of the United States, and that a portion of the vessels be built by contract by private enterprise: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 39. An act to provide additional examiners in the Patent Office, and for other purposes.

S. 188. An act explanatory of the act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, 1847.

S. 228. An act extending privileges to American vessels engaged in a certain mentioned trade, and for other purposes.

Mr. Hampton, from the same committee, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 397. An act for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union;

No. 4. An act for the relief of Mary Brown, wldow of Jacob Brown;

No. 70. An act for the relief of John Mitchell;

and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Mr. Jacob Thompson moved, at 2 o'clock and thirty-five minutes, that the House adjourn; which motion was not agreed to: but no quorum voted.

Mr. Pollock moved that there be a call of the House.

Mr. Jacob Thompson moved, at 2 o'clock and forty minutes, that the House adjourn;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 50 / Nays ..... 73

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Green Adams | Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy | Mr. John S. Pendleton |
| George Ashmun | John P. Gaines | John S. Phelps |
| Washington Barrow | John Gayle | William B. Preston |
| John M. Botts | James S. Green | Gideon Reynolds |
| James B. Bowlin | Hugh A. Haralson | John L. Robinson |
| Samuel A. Bridges | Henry W. Hilliard | William Rockhill |
| Richard Brodhead | Isaac E. Holmes | William Sawyer |
| William G. Brown | Timothy Jenkins | Richard F. Simpson |
| Armistead Burt | Robert W. Johnson | Alexander D. Sims |
| Asa W. H. Clapp | William Kennon, jr. | Bannon G. Thibodeaux |
| Franklin Clark | John H. Lumpkin | James H. Thomas |
| Howell Cobb | Robert McClelland | Jacob Thompson |
| John D. Cummins | John A. McClernand | Richard W. Thompson |
| John Dickey | James J. McKay | John B. Thompson |
| Richard S. Donnell | John K. Miller | Patrick W. Tompkins |
| Joseph E. Edsall | Charles S. Morehead | Abraham W. Venable. |
| Thomas O. Edwards | John G. Palfrey | |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Daniel M. Barringer | Mr. William M. Cocke | Mr. David Fisher |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Jacob Collamer | Richard French |
| John Blanchard | Robert B. Cranston | Andrew S. Fulton |
| Jasper E. Brady | James Dixon | Daniel Gott |
| Charles Brown | William Duer | Artemas Hale |
| Albert G. Brown | George G. Dunn | David Hammons |
| Aylett Buckner | Elisha Embree | James G. Hampton |
| E. Carrington Cabell | Alexander Evans | Moses Hampton |
| Richard S. Canby | Nathan Evans | Samson W. Harris |
| Charles W. Cathcart | John W. Farrelly | Elias B. Holmes |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | Winfield S. Featherston | George S. Houston |

Mr. Charles Hudson
Samuel W. Inge
Andrew Johnson
John W. Jones
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
Horace Mann
Dudley Marvin
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Mr. William Nelson
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Thomas Richey
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
John I. Slingerland
Mr. Ephraim K. Smart
Andrew Stewart
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams.

The question recurred on the motion of Mr. Pollock, that there be a call of the House; and, being put,

It was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Collamer, the committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union were discharged from the consideration of the bill (H. R. No. 179) in explanation of an act entitled "An act to distribute the proceeds of the public lands and to grant pre-emption rights;" and the same was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. White moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Murphy moved that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 60) making an additional appropriation for the dry dock at the Brooklyn navy yard;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative.

And then, on motion of Mr. McClernand, the House, at 2 o'clock and ten minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, a. m.

## SATURDAY, May 27, 1848.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 350) supplemental to an act to confirm the survey and location of claims for lands in the State of Mississippi, east of the Pearl river and south of the thirty-first degree of north latitude, approved March 3, 1845; which was yesterday reported from the Committee of the Whole House:

The question being on ordering the said bill to be engrossed, which was stated: when,

On motion of Mr. Albert G. Brown, the said bill was amended; and it was then

Ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Cabell: The memorial of Isaac Bush, John Price, and Thomas Suarez, late captains of volunteer companies in the Florida war, citizens of Duval county, in the State of Florida, in behalf of themselves and the officers and men upon the muster rolls of their respective commands, praying compensation for their services in said war: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Schenck: The petition of citizens of Albany county, in the State of New York, praying Congress to authorize the purchase of breadstuff, and to test the utility of the same for army and navy purposes as prepared under the process of J. R. Stafford's patent for drying flour and meal in such manner as to resist the influences of time and climate;

Also, the petition of citizens of Cuyahoga county, in the State of Ohio, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Nicoll: The petition of citizens of the city and State of New York, praying for the passage of a law authorizing a drawback upon goods adapted for printing to be imported in the grey and printed in bond, and thereafter exported free of duty: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Fulton: The petition of Charles Wilson, praying for a pension on account of disabilities incurred as a soldier in the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Grinnell: The memorial of Pope and Morgan, and other owners of the ship Chandler Price, praying compensation for ransoming the crew of the whale ship Columbia of New London, in the State of Connecticut, from the inhabitants of King's Mill islands: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Bingham: Two petitions of citizens of St. Clair and Macomb counties, in the State of Michigan, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Mount Clemens, in Macomb county, to Algonac, in St. Clair county.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The petition of citizens of Norwich, in the State of Connecticut, praying Congress to direct the survey of a post road between the cities of New York and Philadelphia, the line of said road to be retained under the perpetual control of the Union, and to be used for the construction of a railroad.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Winthrop: The petition of citizens of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the purchase of Mount Vernon, by the government of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hunt, by leave, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 270. An act concerning Spanish steam vessels;

No. 271. An act authorizing the issuing of registers to the Spanish steam vessels Tridente and Cetro, for a limited time;

reported the same without amendment.

And, thereupon,

The said bills were severally ordered to be read a third time;

And they were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Bowlin moved that the vote by which the House yesterday passed the bill from the Senate (No. 64) entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the accounts of Joseph Nourse, deceased," be reconsidered; and, by the unanimous consent of the House, the consideration of the said motion was postponed for the present.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell,

The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Collamer reported that the committee had had under consideration sundry private bills, and directed him to report bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

No. 90. A bill for the relief of John P. Converse, with a recommendation that it do not pass; and

No. 92. A bill for the relief of William Fuller and Orlando Saltmarsh;

No. 98. A bill for the relief of H. D. Johnson;

severally without amendment.—

And bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 2. An act for the relief of Joseph Wilson, without amendment; and

No. 49. An act for the relief of W. B. Slaughter, late secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin, with an amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill from the Senate (No. 2:) when

The same was ordered to be read a third time; and, thereupon,

It was read the third time accordingly.

And the question was stated, Shall it pass? when,

On motion of Mr. Root, the House, at 2 o'clock and twenty minutes, adjourned until Monday next, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## MONDAY, May 29, 1848.

Mr. Tuck offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, citizens of the United States, in great numbers, have often memorialized Congress on the subject of abolishing slavery and the slave trade in the District of Columbia, and petitions for this object, signed by citizens of the District and others, have been presented to this House at its present session:

And whereas, all the memorials and petitions on this subject ever presented have either been laid on the table without being read or printed, or have been referred to committees who have never taken

any action thereon nor reported whether said petition ought or ought not to be granted:

And whereas, it is the right of the citizens of these United States not only to present their petitions to Congress, but to have the justice and propriety of their requests carefully considered: therefore,

*Resolved*, That the several committees of this House to whom have been referred petitions or memorials for the abolition of slavery and the slave trade in the District of Columbia be directed to take the same into consideration, and to report thereon at the earliest practicable period.

The said preamble and resolution were read; and objection being made to the introduction of the same,

Mr. Tuck moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce them;

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 54 / Nays..... 90

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Artemas Hale | Mr. William Nelson |
| Green Adams | James G. Hampton | John G. Palfrey |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | Moses Hampton | Harvey Putnam |
| Jasper E. Brady | William Henry | John A. Rockwell |
| Richard S. Canby | Elias B. Holmes | Joseph M. Root |
| Jacob Collamer | John W. Houston | David Rumsey, jr. |
| William Collins | Samuel D. Hubbard | John I. Slingerland |
| Robert B. Cranston | Charles Hudson | Ephraim K. Smart |
| John Crowell | Washington Hunt | Caleb B. Smith |
| John Dickey | Timothy Jenkins | Truman Smith |
| William Duer | Orlando Kellogg | John Strohm |
| Thomas O. Edwards | Daniel P. King | Benjamin B. Thurston |
| Elisha Embree | William T. Lawrence | Amos Tuck |
| Nathan Evans | Abraham R. McIlvaine | John Van Dyke |
| David Fisher | Horace Mann | Samuel F. Vinton |
| Daniel Gott | George P. Marsh | Cornelius Warren |
| Dudley S. Gregory | Dudley Marvin | John Wentworth |
| Joseph Grinnell | Joseph Mullin | James S. Wiley. |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Green Adams | Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb | Mr. George S. Houston] |
| Archibald Atkinson | William M. Cocke | Samuel W. Inge |
| Daniel M. Barringer | John R. J. Daniel | Charles J. Ingersoll |
| Washington Barrow | Richard S. Donnell | Alfred Iverson |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Garnett Duncan | Andrew Johnson |
| Henry Bedinger | Alexander Evans | George W. Jones |
| Ausburn Birdsall | James J. Faran | John W. Jones |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | Winfield S. Featherston | David S. Kaufman |
| Linn Boyd | Orlando B. Ficklin | William Kennon, jr. |
| Nathaniel Boydon | Thomas S. Flournoy | T. Butler King |
| Richard Brodhead | Richard French | Samuel Lahm |
| William G. Brown | George Fries | Emile La Sère |
| Albert G. Brown | Andrew S. Fulton | Lewis C. Levin |
| Aylett Buckner | John Gayle | Thomas W. Ligon |
| Armistead Burt | James S. Green | Abraham Lincoln |
| E. Carrington Cabell | Willard P. Hall | John A. McClernand |
| Charles W. Cathcart | Hugh A. Haralson | James J. McKay |
| Lucien B. Chase | Thomas J. Henley | Robert M. McLane |
| Franklin Clark | Hugh L. W. Hill | Job Mann |
| Beverly L. Clark | Henry W. Hilliard | Richard K. Meade |

Mr. John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
William B. Preston
Mr. William A. Richardson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Mr. James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

On motion of Mr. Pettit, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Navy be requested to report to this House how many persons, of all descriptions, were employed in the naval and marine service of the United States at the commencement of the present war with Mexico, and how many have entered said service since that period, and the respective States from which both classes entered said services.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll offered the following resolution, which was read, and objection being made to its introduction, Mr. Ingersoll moved that the rules be suspended, to enable him to introduce the same; which motion was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the bills reported by the Committee on the Judiciary and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, be made the special order of the day for the third Tuesday in June."

Mr. Caleb B. Smith offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That House bill No. 201, to organize the territorial government of Oregon, be made the special order of the day immediately after the general appropriation bills, now made the special order, shall be disposed of, and that such special order continue from day to day until the same shall be disposed of.

The said resolution was read, and objection being raised to its introduction,

Mr. Smith moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the same;

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 156 / Nays..... 12

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Mr. Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Mr. William Collins
Robert B. Cranston
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Daniel Duncan
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly

Mr. Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Mr. William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
R. Barnwell Rhett
Mr. William A. Richardson
William Rockhill
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb
John Crowell
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Mr. Garnett Duncan
William Henry
Samuel W. Inge
Harvey Putnam
Mr. Julius Rockwell
Truman Smith
Hugh White
Joseph A. Woodward.

The rules being suspended,

Mr. Smith introduced his said resolution; and the question was stated on agreeing thereto: when

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, which was read, and is as follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:*

I lay before Congress the accompanying memorial and papers, which have been transmitted to me, by a special messenger employed for that purpose, by the governor and legislative assembly of Oregon territory, who constitute the temporary government which the inhabitants of that distant region of our country have, from the necessity of their condition, organized for themselves. The memorialists are citizens of the United States. They express ardent attachment to their native land, and in their present perilous and distressed situation they earnestly invoke the aid and protection of their government.

They represent that "the proud and powerful tribes of Indians," residing in their vicinity, have recently raised "the war whoop, and crimsoned their tomahawks in the blood of their citizens;" that they apprehend that "many of the powerful tribes, inhabiting the upper valley of the Columbia, have formed an alliance for the purpose of carrying on hostilities against their settlements;" that the number of the white population is far inferior to that of the savages; that they are deficient in arms and money, and fear that they do not possess strength to repel the "attack of so formidable a foe and protect their families and property from violence and rapine;" they conclude their appeal to the government of the United States for relief by declaring: "If it be at all the intention of our honored parent to spread her guardian wing over her sons and daughters in Oregon, she surely will not refuse to do it now, when they are struggling with all the ills of a weak and temporary government, and when perils are daily thickening around them, and preparing to burst upon their heads. When the ensuing summer's sun shall have dispelled the snow from the mountains, we shall look, with glowing hope and restless anxiety, for the coming of your laws and your arms."

In my message of the 5th of August, 1846, communicating "a copy of the convention for the settlement and adjustment of the Oregon boundary," I recommended to Congress that "provision should be made by law, at the earliest practicable period, for the organization of a territorial government in Oregon." In my annual message of December, 1846, and again in December, 1847, this recommendation was repeated.

The population of Oregon is believed to exceed twelve thousand souls, and it is known that it will be increased by a large number of emigrants during the present season. The facts set forth in the accompanying memorial and papers show that the dangers to which our fellow citizens are exposed are so imminent, that I deem it to be my duty again to impress on Congress the strong claim which the inhabitants of that distant country have to the benefit of our laws, and to the protection of our government.

I, therefore, again invite the attention of Congress to the subject, and recommend that laws be promptly passed establishing a territorial government, and granting authority to raise an adequate volunteer force, for the defence and protection of its inhabitants. It is believed that a regiment of mounted men, with such additional force as may be raised in Oregon, will be sufficient to afford the required protection. It is recommended that the forces raised for this purpose should engage to serve for twelve months, unless sooner discharged. No doubt is entertained that, with proper inducements in land bounties, such a force can be raised in a short time. Upon the expiration of their service, many of them will doubtless desire to remain in the country and settle upon the land which they may receive as bounty. It is deemed important that provision be made for the appointment of a suitable number of Indian agents, to reside among the various tribes in Oregon, and that appropriations be made to enable them to treat with these

tribes, with a view to restore and preserve peace between them and the white inhabitants.

Should the laws recommended be promptly passed, the measures for their execution may be completed during the present season, and before the severity of winter will interpose obstacles in crossing the Rocky mountains. If not promptly passed a delay of another year will be the consequence, and may prove destructive to the white settlements in Oregon.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *May* 29, 1848.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the said message be *laid upon the table*, and *printed;*

And, after debate,

Mr. Hilliard demanded a division of the question; and the same being divided;

The question was put, viz: Shall the said message be laid upon the table?

And decided in the negative.

The question was then stated on printing the said message;

And, after debate,

Mr. Nicoll moved to amend the said motion, ("that the said message be printed,") by adding thereto the following: "*and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.*"

Mr. Nicoll moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the said amendment was agreed to.

And the question was then put on agreeing to the said motion as amended,

And decided in the affirmative.

And so it was

*Ordered*, That the said message be printed, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution introduced by Mr. Caleb B. Smith, providing that the bill for organizing the Territory of Oregon be made a special order;

The question being on the said resolution: when

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the said resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Ashmun offered the following joint resolution:

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses *sine die* on Monday, the 12th day of July next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

The resolution was read, and objection being raised to its introduction,

Mr. Ashmun moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the same;

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?
And decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof. { Yeas ..... 113 / Nays ..... 69
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Charles W. Cathcart
Asa W. H. Clapp
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
Daniel Duncan
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Mr. David Hammons
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Job Mann
Horace Mann
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Mr. John S. Pendleton
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Thomas Richey
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
William Strong
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Hugh White
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Mr. Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Alexander Evans
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
John Gayle
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Isaac E. Holmes
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
David S. Kaufman
Emile La Sère
Mr. Thomas W. Ligon
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
William Sawyer

Mr. Robert C. Schenck
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Frederick P. Stanton
Mr. Charles E. Stuart
Benjamin B. Thurston
Abraham W. Venable
Cornelius Warren
Mr. John Wentworth
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

Mr. Hunt moved that the vote by which the House on Saturday last passed the bill from the Senate (No. 271) entitled "An act authorizing the issuing of registers to the Spanish steam vessels Tridente and Cetro, for a limited time," be reconsidered; and the consideration of the said motion was postponed for the present.

Mr. Kaufman moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to offer the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That House bill No. 260, to establish certain post routes, be made the made the special order of the day for Friday next;"

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof. { Yeas ..... 89 / Nays ..... 82

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin.
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Henry W. Hilliard
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Jonathan D. Morris
Mr. Henry C. Murphy
William A. Newall
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
Joseph M. Root
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Samuel B. Bridges
Mr. Aylett Buckner
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Asa W. H. Clapp
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Robert B. Cranston
Mr. John Crowell
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
Nathan Evans

Mr. David Fisher
Thomas S Flournoy
John Gayle
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Orlando Kellogg
Mr. Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Richard K. Meade
Henry Nes
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Mr. William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
John Strohm
John L. Taylor
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
Hezekiah Williams.

Mr. Grinnell moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Senate bill (No. 201) to provide for the repair and improvement of the dam at the head of Cumberland island, in the Ohio river, and House bills Nos. 168, 169, 170, 176, S. 47, and H. R. 367, for improving rivers and harbors, shall be taken up in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, in the order of their reference, on the day after the Oregon bill is disposed of, and continue under consideration, except Fridays and Saturdays, until disposed of.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof. { Yeas..... 99 / Nays..... 66

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Kingsley S. Bingham
John M. Botts
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Mr. George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Mr. Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. Daniel B. St. John | Mr. Charles E. Stuart | Mr. Benjamin B. Thurston |
| Robert C. Schenck | John Strohm | Thomas J. Turner |
| John I. Slingerland | John L. Taylor | John Van Dyke |
| Caleb B. Smith | Bannon G. Thibodeaux | Samuel F. Vinton |
| Robert Smith | James Thompson | Cornelius Warren |
| Truman Smith | Richard W. Thompson | John Wentworth |
| Andrew Stewart | William Thompson | Hugh White. |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. Samson W. Harris | Mr. Richard K. Meade |
| Daniel M. Barringer | Hugh L. W. Hill | John K. Miller |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Henry W. Hilliard | Charles H. Peaslee |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Isaac E. Holmes | John S. Phelps |
| Henry Bedinger | George S. Houston | R. Barnwell Rhett |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | Samuel W. Inge | Thomas Richey |
| Samuel A. Bridges | Charles J. Ingersoll | William Rockhill |
| Richard Brodhead | Alfred Iverson | William Sawyer |
| William G. Brown | Timothy Jenkins | Augustine H. Shepperd |
| Armistead Burt | Andrew Johnson | Richard F. Simpson |
| Franklin Clark | George W. Jones | Alexander D. Sims |
| Howell Cobb | David S. Kaufman | Ephraim K. Smart |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | William Kennon, jr. | William Strong |
| John R. J. Daniel | Emile La Sère | James H. Thomas |
| Joseph E. Edsall | Thomas W. Ligon | Jacob Thompson |
| Winfield S. Featherston | Frederick W. Lord | Robert A. Thompson |
| Orlando B. Ficklin | John H. Lumpkin | Robert Toombs |
| Thomas S. Flournoy | John A. McClernand | Abraham W. Venable |
| George Fries | James McDowell | William W. Wick |
| John Gayle | James J. McKay | Hezekiah Williams |
| Willard P. Hall | Robert M. McLane | James S. Wiley |
| Hugh A. Haralson | Job Mann | Joseph A. Woodward. |

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles:

H. R. No. 397. An act for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union.

H. R. No. 70. An act for the relief of John Mitchell.

H. R. No. 4. An act for the relief of Mary Brown, widow of Jacob Brown.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Clapp: The petition of citizens of Portland, in the State of Maine, praying for the establishment of a uniform rate of postage, not to exceed one cent on newspapers and two cents on each prepaid letter of half an ounce for all distances.

By Mr. Rumsey: The petition of citizens of Steuben county, in the State of New York, praying for the passage of a law establishing a uniform rate of postage on letters of five cents, and newspapers free of postage within thirty miles of the office of publication.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: Two petitions of citizens of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the survey of a route for a post road between New York and Philadelphia, the line of such road to be retained under the perpetual control of the Union, and to be used for the construction of a railroad.

By Mr. Taylor: Three petitions of citizens of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Phelps: The memorial of Charles McClain, of the State of Missouri—heretofore presented April 16, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Starkweather: The petition of Lawrence Lawyer, praying for a pension on account of services rendered in the war of the revolution;

Also, the petition of Joseph Dana, of Schoharie county, in the State of New York, praying for a pension on account of his services in the revolutionary war.

By Mr. Vinton: The petition of Andrew McKim, of Athens, in the State of Ohio, praying for a pension on account of services rendered during the Indian frontier war in 1791 and 1792.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Kellogg: The petition of citizens of Washington county, in the State of New York, praying for a termination of the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The petition of C. B. Clusky, of Savannah, in the State of Georgia, praying compensation for his services in preparing plans and estimates for a custom-house to be erected in said city: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Lord: The petition of Ira T. Horton, of Suffolk county, in the State of New York, praying relief on account of having been detained as a witness against the crew of the ship Meteor, who were arrested for mutiny on board said ship: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of citizens of Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, remonstrating against granting the public land prayed for by Asa Whitney and others for the construction of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific: which was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Daniel P. King reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 394) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th June, 1849, had directed him to report the said bill to the House with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill: when Mr. Vinton moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered to be *now* put, first on said amendments.

The question was then stated, "Will the House agree to the said amendments?

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. George S. Houston, the House, at twenty minutes past 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1848.

Mr. Peck, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill of the Senate (No. 31) entitled "An act to provide for the purchase of the manuscript papers of the late James Madison, former President of the United States," and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 180) entitled "An act to amend the act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes," with amendments.

The Senate have been notified by the President of the United States that he did, on the 27th instant, approve and sign bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 228. An act extending privileges to American vessels engaged in a certain mentioned trade, and for other purposes.

No. 188. An act explanatory of the act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, 1847.

No. 39. An act to provide additional examiners in the Patent Office, and for other purposes.

And then the Secretary withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (H. R. No. 394) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1849, which was reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union yesterday, with amendments, upon which the previous question was moved yesterday, and the main question ordered "to be *now* put."

The first of the said amendments was then read as follows:

"Strike out in line 11th of the bill, as printed, the words '*two millions five hundred and forty thousand seven hundred dollars*,' and insert '*two millions four hundred and ninety-five thousand seven hundred dollars*,' and insert after the word '*dollars*,' at the end of the 12th line of the said bill the following:"

"For the transportation of the mail in steam vessels between Charleston and Havana, forty-five thousand dollars; the said steamers to be employed in the conveyance of the mail from Charleston to Havana shall stop going and returning, at Savannah, in Georgia, to deliver and receive letters, papers, passengers, and freight; but there shall be no increase of compensation therefor. The said steamers shall also be commanded by officers of the navy not below the grade of lieutenant, and shall receive four midshipmen on board as watch officers; the said officers to be accommodated without charge to the government.

"*Provided*, That the contract made by the Postmaster General for the transportation of the mail from Charleston, via Savannah and Key West, to Havana, is hereby transferred to the Navy Department, and placed under the care and direction of the Secretary of the Navy, who shall appoint a skilful naval constructor or other

officer to superintend the construction of the steamers to be employed in said service."

And the question was put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 75 / Nays..... 77

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Ausburn Birdsall
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Alexander Evans
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Henry W. Hilliard
John W. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John W. Jones
T. Butler King
Samuel Lahm
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Richard K. Meade
Mr. Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Caleb B. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Linn Boyd
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Howell Cobb
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
William Duer
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
George Fries
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Willard P. Hall
Mr. David Hammons
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Mr. John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
Harvey Putnam
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K Smart
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
John Strohm
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley.

The remaining and only other amendment, reported from the

committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, was then read and agreed to; and

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed under the previous question moved by Mr. White.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The Speaker proceeded to call committees for reports: when

Mr. Vinton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill of the House (No. 107) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1849," *with the amendment of the Senate thereto*, reported the said amendment back, and recommend that the House do agree to the same.

*Ordered*, That the said bill and amendment be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Toombs reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the said amendment of the Senate to the said bill No. 107, had directed him to report that the committee had agreed to the said amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said amendment to the bill H. R. No. 107; and the question was stated on agreeing to the same: when

Mr. Vinton moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the said amendment of the Senate was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 21) entitled "An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Robert Purkis, reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Hudson, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made an adverse report upon the petition of Henry Simpson, surviving administrator of George Simpson, deceased: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, made a report upon the petition of the legal representatives of Darius Garrison, accompanied by a bill (No. 512) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the petition of George Sexton, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads; also, from the consideration of

the petitions of J. B. Cooper and of Major Cary H. Fry; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Edward Sutherland Lee, William Reynolds, William D. Nutt, John J. B. Hoxie, and Richard Ames: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell,

*Ordered*, That the petition and papers of James Crooks be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Crowell, from the Committee of Claims, made a report upon the petition of Staunton W. Gaar, accompanied by a bill (No. 513) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Crowell, from the Committee of Claims,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Augustus Steele, of Florida, and Peyton A. Kay; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Crowell, from the Committee of Claims, made an adverse report upon the petition of James Sloan: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn, from the Committee of Claims, made a report upon the petition of William Snavely, of Indiana, accompanied by a bill (No. 514) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Committee on Commerce, made a report upon the petition of Henry Little and Jacob Felch, accompanied by a bill (No. 515) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of citizens of the town of Chelsea, in the State of Massachusetts, accompanied by a bill (No. 516) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to sell the marine hospital, and the lot of land on which it stands, at Chelsea, in Massachusetts, and the purchase of a new site and the erection of a new marine hospital near the city of Boston: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (No. 344) "to transfer the towns of Vinal Haven, North Haven, and Isleboro', from the collection district of Penobscot to that of Belfast, in the State of Maine;" and that it be recommitted to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands, made a report upon the petition of Abel Rawson, accompanied by a bill (No. 517) to confirm the title to section sixteen and the west half of sec-

tion twelve, in township three north, range sixteen east, in Seneca county, Ohio: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Collamer, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 518) to amend an act entitled "An act for the discontinuance of the office of surveyor general in the several districts, so soon as the surveys therein can be completed, for abolishing land offices under certain circumstances, and for other purposes," accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Collamer, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill (No. 79) making appropriations of land to satisfy Virginia military land warrants for services during the revolutionary war, and for other purposes connected with said services, made an adverse report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Garnett Duncan,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Silas Reed; and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Garnett Duncan, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of citizens of Columbia county, Florida, in relation to the location of certain land, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 519) to provide for the settlement of conflicts between Spanish land claims and purchases under the United States, and for other purposes: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Putnam, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Thomas G. Holmes: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Putnam, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of the citizens of the State of Maine, praying for an appropriation of the public lands for the extinction of slavery in the United States: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Putnam, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 106) entitled "An act to provide for the settlement of the claim of Henry Washington, late a deputy surveyor of the public lands in Florida," reported the same with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Alexander Evans, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company, accompanied by a bill (No. 520) to grant the right of way through the public lands in Indiana and Illinois to the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company: which was read a first and second time, and the question was stated on ordering it to be engrossed.

And, after debate,

On motion of Mr. Root, it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed, together with the said report.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did yesterday approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 70. An act for the relief of John Mitchell.

No. 4. An act for the relief of Mary Brown, widow of Jacob Brown.

No. 397. An act for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union.

On motion of Mr. Root,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill (No. 260) to establish certain post routes; and that it be recommitted to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. White moved that the vote by which the House this day passed the bill (No. 394) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending June 30, 1849, be reconsidered.

And, after debate,

Mr. Bingham moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; which motion was not agreed to.

And the question was then put, Shall the said vote be reconsidered?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 85 / Nays ..... 73

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
William M. Cocke
John Crowell
John R. J. Daniel
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines

Mr. John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
John W. Jones
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck

Mr. John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
R. Barnwell Rhett
John A. Rockwell
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
James H. Thomas
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Charles Brown
Richard S. Canby
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Daniel Duncan
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Richard French
George Fries
Daniel Gott
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
John H. Harmanson
Mr. Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles Hudson
Charles J. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Horace Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
George A. Starkweather
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

The question recurred on the passage of the said bill: when

Mr. Isaac E. Holmes moved that the vote by which the said bill was ordered to be engrossed, be reconsidered.

Mr. Richardson moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; which motion was not agreed to.

And the question was then put, viz: Shall the vote on the engrossment of the said bill be reconsidered?

And decided in the affirmative.

The question recurred on ordering the said bill to be engrossed: when

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the vote by which the House this day refused to agree to the first amendment to said bill, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, be reconsidered.

And the question being put under the previous question moved by Mr. Duer,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 94 / Nays ..... 76

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Mr. Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Thomas L. Clingman
John Crowell
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Mr. Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Moses Hampton

Mr. Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
Mr. James McDowell
George P. Marsh
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
James Pollock
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Mr. John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Daniel Duncan
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
George Fries
Mr. Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
John H. Harmanson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles Hudson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Horace Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Mr. John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Harvey Putnam
William Rockhill
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams.

The question recurred on agreeing to the said first amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to the said bill: when

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb moved to amend the said amendment by inserting therein, after the words "*Savannah, in Georgia,*" the words, "*and Mobile, in Alabama;*" which amendment was disagreed to.

And the question recurred on agreeing to the said amendment: when

Mr. Lincoln moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said amendment?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 76
Nays ..... 86

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
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Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Alexander Evans
Thomas S. Flournoy
Mr. Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Richard K. Meade
William Nelson
Mr. David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
James Pollock
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
J. Dixon Roman
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Charles Brown
Richard S. Canby
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
George Fries
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Mr. Dudley S. Gregory
Willard P. Hall
John H. Harmanson
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
John G. Palfrey
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Harvey Putnam
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
John Strohm
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Hugh White
James S. Wiley.

So the said amendment was rejected.

The said bill was then again ordered to be engrossed under the previous question moved by Mr. White.

The bill being engrossed, was again read the third time, and

passed, under the previous question moved thereon by Mr. Alexander Evans.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Truman Smith: The memorial of Isaac Downs, of Fairfield county, in the State of Connecticut, praying for a pension, on account of wounds and disabilities received in the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Warren: The petition of citizens of Dutchess county, in the State of New York, praying that the public lands be laid out in farms and lots, for the free use of such persons as will occupy them, not possessed of other land: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Smart: The petition of citizens of the State of Maine, praying for the appointment of a committee of Congress to ascertain whether, and to what extent, and by what law, the slave trade exists in the District of Columbia: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Duer: The petition of Silas Wood, and other citizens of the United States, remonstrating against the passage of a bill to surrender to the State of Indiana the bonds of said State held by the United States, and to receive new bonds instead thereof: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of Dennis Harris, of the city and State of New York, praying for a return of duties paid on sugar destroyed by fire in said city April 2, 1848;

Also, the petition of Timothy Carman, of Queen's county, in the State of New York, praying for the passage of an act allowing a register to a vessel as the "*James, of New York.*"

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Fulton: The petition of George W. Hopkins, of Washington county, in the State of Virginia, praying for relief, on account of loss sustained in carrying the mail in said State: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Cabell: The memorial of John L. Phillips, late captain, and members of a volunteer militia company, of the State of Florida, praying compensation for services rendered prior to being mustered into service for the Florida war: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

And then, on motion of Mr. Root, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty three minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## WEDNESDAY, May 31, 1848.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 65. An act for the relief of Edward Bolon;

No. 88. An act for the relief of Thomas Brownell;

No. 97. An act for the relief of Samuel W. Bell, a native of the Cherokee nation;

No. 111. An act for the relief of Reynolds May;

No. 270. An act concerning Spanish steam vessels; and

Bill of the House No. 107, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1849;

and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Cummins asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 521) declaratory of the rights of naturalized citizens of the United States, and to protect them in the peaceful exercise and enjoyment of their rights and privileges, against the acts and influence of foreign governments and their diplomatic agents: which bill was read a first and second time, and Mr. Cummins moved that it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members; when,

On motion of Mr. Ashmun, the bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. St. John, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to which was referred bill from the Senate No. 194, entitled "An act for the relief of John Lorimer Graham, late postmaster in the city of New York," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Cranston presented resolutions of the Legislature of Rhode Island, in relation to the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, and for the removal of the seat of government of the United States within the limits of some one of the free States: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Sims,

*Ordered*, That the Committee for the District of Columbia be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Charles Fletcher, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Outlaw, by leave, from the select committee to which was referred so much of the annual message of the President as relates to making provision for the families of the regulars and volunteers who have died from wounds received, or other causes, during the war with Mexico, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 522) to provide for the families of such commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers, privates, and musicians, whether belonging to the regular army or to any volunteer corps, as may have been killed in battle, or died from wounds received, or diseases contracted, or other casualties, occasioned whilst in the service of the United States, during the war with the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the consideration of the petition of the American Statistical

Association, in relation to the mode of taking the next census, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Haralson, by leave, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the message of the President relative to Indian difficulties in Oregon, reported a bill (No. 523) to provide for suppressing Indian hostilities in the Territory of Oregon, and for other purposes: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed, with sundry documents accompanying the same.

Mr. Strohm, from the Committee on Public Expenditures, having had under consideration the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting his annual report on the state of the finances to Congress, with the view of ascertaining whether the statements in said report are correct, and whether the said statements could not be submitted in a form more simple, and less difficult to comprehend, made a report thereon, accompanied by the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, required to transmit to this House, as soon as may be convenient, a statement of the duties, revenues, and public expenditures during the last and the present fiscal years, ending June 30, 1848, exclusive of trust funds, according to the form of statement A, in the last annual report of the Secretary, specifying particularly, and keeping separate the stock issued for specie deposited and that issued in funding treasury notes, and noting what amount of said stock was issued under the act of July 22, 1846; what amount under the act of January 28, 1847; and what amount under acts prior to July 22, 1846, respectively.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, required to furnish this House with a statement of the public debt on the 30th day of June, 1848, and such other statements in reference to treasury notes, at the expiration of the present fiscal year, as is required by the 22d section of the act of January 28, 1847, entitled "An act authorizing the issue of treasury notes, a loan, and for other purposes," to be furnished at the commencement of each session.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Secretary of the Treasury, in making up his annual statements of the finances at the commencement of each session, to make those statements close at and embrace one period of time, so far as the circumstances of the case renders it practicable so to do.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to inquire into the expediency of printing ten thousand extra copies of the report of the Committee on Public Expenditures on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Strohm moved that the said report be printed.

And, after debate,

One hour having been appropriated to reports from committees,

On motion of Mr. McKay, the House proceeded to the consideration of the special order, viz: the bill (No. 158) "regulating the appointments of clerks in the executive departments, and for other purposes."

The said bill having been read,

Mr. Andrew Johnson moved to amend the said bill by inserting the following as the *second* and *third* sections thereof:

SEC. . *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the President of the United States, and the heads of the various departments, as soon as it may be deemed practicable and consistent with the public interest, to so arrange and adjust all officers coming within the range of the appointing power as to give to each congressional district in the United States (the District of Columbia inclusive) their fair ratio of the officers to be appointed to office.

SEC. . *Be it further enacted*, That immediately after all the offices shall be filled, upon the principle laid down in the preceding section, the President and the heads of departments shall divide the whole number of congressional districts into four equal divisions, or as near as may be practicable, classing them one, two, three, and four; the offices belonging to the first district, falling into the first class, shall be vacated at the expiration of eight years; those falling into the second class shall be vacated at the expiration of six years; those falling into the third class shall be vacated at the expiration of four years; those falling into the fourth class shall be vacated at the expiration of two years; so that one-fourth of the whole number of officers thus appointed shall be retiring from office every two years, and a new set coming in to fill the vacancies thus occasioned."

Mr. Alexander Evans moved to amend the said amendment proposed by Mr. Johnson, by adding at the end of the first of the sections proposed by Mr. Johnson the following:

"Said appointments to be made by the heads of departments upon nomination of the members of Congress from each congressional district at the time the vacancies take place therein."

The amendment to the amendment was read; and,

After debate,

Mr. Cabell moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the said amendment proposed by Mr. Evans to the amendment of Mr. Johnson was disagreed to.

The question was then stated on agreeing to the amendment offered by Mr. Johnson; when

Mr. Cummins demanded a division of the question upon said amendment, so as to take the question separately upon the said sections proposed by Mr. Johnson.

And the same being divided,

The question was put, "Will the House agree to so much of the said amendment proposed by Mr. Johnson as is embraced in the first section of the same?"

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 64 / Nays ..... 90 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Ausburn Birdsall | Mr. William G. Brown | Mr. Charles W. Cathcart |
| James B. Bowlin | Charles Brown | Franklin Clark |
| Samuel A. Bridges | Albert G. Brown | Beverly L. Clark |

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Daniel Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Samuel W. Inge
Alfred Iverson
Mr. Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Mr. John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Richard L. T. Beale
Hiram Belcher
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Mr. Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
George Petrie
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
William W. Wick
Joseph A. Woodward.

The question was then stated, "Will the House agree to the remainder of the said amendment, to wit, the second section thereof; when

Mr. Johnson withdrew the same; and

The said bill was then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

And being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed, under the previous question moved by Mr. McKay.

Mr. McKay moved that the vote on the passage of the said bill be reconsidered.

Mr. McKay moved that the said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 65. An act for the relief of Edward Bolon.

S. 88. An act for the relief of Thomas Brownell.

S. 97. An act for the relief of Samuel W. Bell, a native of the Cherokee nation.

S. 111. An act for the relief of Reynolds May.

S. 270. An act concerning Spanish steam vessels.

S. 31. An act to provide for the purchase of the manuscript papers of the late James Madison, former President of the United States.

H. R. 107. An act making appropriations for the support of the military academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1849.

The House, by unanimous consent, proceeded to the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 180) to amend the act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the said amendments: which were read; when

Mr. T. Butler King moved that the said bill be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and that the amendments be printed.

And, after debate,

Mr. Root moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and stated, viz: "Will the House agree to the said amendments?—the motion to refer and print being set aside by the previous question.

And pending the question on the said amendments,

On motion of Mr. T. Butler King, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty-five minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1848.

Mr. Cummings moved that the vote by which the House yesterday referred to the Committee on the Judiciary the bill (No. 521) declaratory of the rights of naturalized citizens of the United States, and to protect them in the peaceful exercise and enjoyment of their rights and privileges against the acts and influence of foreign governments and their diplomatic agents, be reconsidered.

By unanimous consent of the House, the consideration of the said motion was postponed for the present.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 430) entitled "An act to refund money for expenses incurred, subsistence or transportation furnished, for the use of volunteers during the present war, before being mustered and received into the service of the United States, with an amendment.

The Senate have, in the absence of the Vice President, chosen the honorable David R. Atchison president of the Senate pro tempore.

And then the Secretary withdrew.

Subsequently the House, by leave, proceeded to the consideration of the said amendment, (to the bill No. 430,) when the same was read and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 180) to amend the act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes;

The question being on agreeing to the said amendments, upon which the main question was yesterday ordered to be *now put*.

Mr. Root moved that the vote by which the House yesterday ordered the main question to be now put, be reconsidered; which motion was agreed to.

And then, on motion of Mr. T. Butler King, the 5th section, being the 9th of the said Senate's amendments, was amended by adding after the words "*Postmaster General*," in the 9th line of said section, the words, "*or Secretary of the Navy*."

All the said amendments of the Senate (as thus amended) were then agreed to, *except the third*, and

The third amendment was then read.

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative.

So the said *third* amendment was not agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and request their concurrence in the said amendment of the House to the 9th of said Senate's amendments.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. H. Cobb: The memorial of Polly Damrou, widow of Charles Damrou, deceased—heretofore presented January 29, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. R. W. Thompson: The petition of Harriet D. P. Baker, widow and children of John M. Baker, deceased, late United States consul at Rio de Janeiro, praying compensation for diplomatic services rendered by said deceased in Brazil: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. Tompkins: The memorial of Henry L. Martin, attorney for a portion of the Choctaw Indians, praying Congress to pass a resolution directing the Secretary of War to have examined and report the cases of those claimants known as the Bay Indians: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Rumsey: The petition of citizens of Steuben county, in the State of New York, praying for the passage of a law permitting newspapers to pass free of postage within thirty miles of the offices of publication.

By Mr. Simpson: The petition of citizens of Anderson district, in the State of South Carolina, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Anderson court-house to Millwees.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The House resumed the consideration of the report made yesterday by Mr. Strohm, from the Committee on Public Expenditures;

The question being that the said report be printed.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until Thursday, the 15th instant.

And, after debate,

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Richard W. Thompson reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 219) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending 30th June, 1849, had come to no resolution thereon.

By unanimous consent, the Speaker laid before the House the following communications, viz:

1. A letter from the Second Auditor, transmitting copies of such accounts as have been rendered by persons charged or entrusted with the disbursement or application of money, goods, or effects for the benefit of the Indians, from the 1st of October, 1846, to the 30th September, 1847, inclusive, with the names of all persons to whom goods, money, or effects have been delivered within the same period: which letter and accounts were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

2. A letter from the acting Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in answer to a resolution of the House of the 3d of March last, respecting Creek Indian reservations under the treaty of 1832 remaining unsold: which letter and report were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Pollock, by leave,

*Ordered*, That the petition of Captain Alexander McEwen be again referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

And then, on motion of Mr. Pollock, the House, at fifteen minutes before 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1848.

Mr. Edwards, by leave, from the select committee on the subject of the importation of adulterated drugs and medicines, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 524) prohibiting the importation of adulterated, deteriorated, and misnamed medicines: which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time, under the previous question moved by Mr. Hunt.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The said bill and report were ordered to be printed: and

On motion of Mr. Ashmun, it was

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Printing inquire into the expediency of printing 10,000 copies extra of the report of the select committee on the subject of the importation of adulterated, deteriorated, and misnamed medicines.

Mr. Peck, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (No. 430) entitled "An act to refund money for expenses incurred, and subsistence or transportation furnished for the use of volunteers during the present war, before being mustered and received into the service of the United States," and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Birdsall: The petition of D. G. Garnsey, of the State of New York, praying compensation for his services in aiding in the removal of a party of the New York Indians west of the lakes: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Wiley: The memorial of Thomas L. Richardson, of the State of Maine, praying for a pension on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. W. T. Lawrence: Three petitions of citizens of Tompkins and Chemung counties, in the State of New York, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Elmira, in Chemung county, to Ithaca, in Tompkins county: which were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Cabell: The memorial of citizens of the State of Florida, praying Congress to provide for the purchase of the Mount Vernon estate;

Also, the petition of Captain William Black's company of Florida mounted volunteers, praying compensation for military services rendered during the late Seminole war in the State of Florida.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 84 / Nays ..... 81 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Richard L. T. Beale | Mr. Chester Butler | Mr. William M. Cocke |
| Henry Bedinger | E. Carrington Cabell | Jacob Collamer |
| Ausburn Birdsall | Richard S. Canby | Robert B. Cranston |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | Charles W. Cathcart | John Crowell |
| Samuel A. Bridges | John G. Chapman | John H. Crozier |
| Richard Brodhead | Franklin Clark | Daniel Duncan |
| Albert G. Brown | Thomas L. Clingman | Garnett Duncan |
| Armistead Burt | Williamson R. W. Cobb | George G. Dunn |

Mr. Thomas O. Edwards
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Meredith P. Gentry
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Mr. Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
James McDowell
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Mr. Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Kingsley S. Bingham
James B. Bowlin
Nathaniel Boydon
Aylett Buckner
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green
John H. Harmanson
Mr. Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Horace Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Mr. Samuel O. Peyton
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Brodhead reported that the committee had had under consideration sundry bills, and had directed him to report bills of the House of the following titles:

No. 215. A bill for the relief of Peter Shaffer;

No. 249. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Robert Fulton, deceased;

No. 259. A bill for the benefit of John Ozias;

No. 85. A bill for the relief of William De Buys, late postmaster at New Orleans;

No. 273. A bill for the relief of Anna Griffin, of the county of Wyoming, State of New York;
No. 274. A bill for the relief of William Butler;
No. 275. A bill for the relief of Artemas Conant;
No. 278. A bill granting a pension to Ruth Hollinbeck;
No. 279. A bill for the relief of Jesse Washington Jackson;
No. 289. A bill for the relief of James Fugate;
No. 281. A bill for the relief of Samuel Gray;
No. 282. A bill for the relief of Lizen B. Canfield;
No. 283. A bill for the relief of John Hibbert;
No. 284. A bill for the relief of Daniel H. Warren;
No. 286. A bill for the relief of Nathaniel Shilett;
No. 288. A bill for the relief of Shelton Felton;
No. 296. A bill for the relief of Emanuel Berri and John M. Keese;
severally without amendment.

Bill of the House of the following title, viz:

No. 287. A bill for the relief of Lewis Hastings, with an amendment.

Bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 75. An act for the relief of Richard Bloss and others;
No. 73. An act for the relief of Jones & Baker;
No. 51. An act for the relief of Charles L. Dell;
severally without amendment.

And the resolution from the Senate (No. 1) in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser, with an amendment.

That the Committee of the Whole, in further proceeding, finding itself without a quorum, had caused the roll of members to be called, and he now reported the names of the following absentees to be entered upon the Journal:

Amos Abbott, George Ashmun, Washington Barrow, Thomas H. Bayly, Henry Bedinger, Kingsley S. Bingham, John Blanchard, Thomas S. Bocock, John M. Botts, Nathaniel Boydon, Jasper E. Brady, Albert G. Brown, Aylett Buckner, Armistead Burt, E. Carrington Cabell, John G. Chapman, Lucien B. Chase, Thomas L. Clingman, Jacob Collamer, William Collins, John W. Crisfield, James Dixon, Joseph E. Edsall, John W. Farrelly, Orlando B. Ficklin, John P. Gaines, John Gayle, Joshua R. Giddings, William L. Goggin, Willard P. Hall, Nathan K. Hall, David Hammons, William T. Haskell, Thomas J. Henley, Henry W. Hilliard, Elias B. Holmes, Washington Hunt, Samuel W. Inge, Charles J. Ingersoll, Alfred Iverson, John Jamieson, Timothy Jenkins, James H. Johnson, David S. Kaufman, T. Butler King, Samuel Lahm, Lewis C. Levin, Thomas W. Ligon, John A. McClernand, Robert M. McLane, Richard K. Meade, Joseph Mullin, Henry C. Murphy, William A. Newall, John G. Palfrey, John S. Pendleton, John Pettit, Samuel O. Peyton, John S. Phelps, Timothy Pillsbury, Harvey Putnam, R. Barnwell Rhett, William A. Richardson, Thomas Richey, Robert L. Rose, Augustine H. Shepperd, Eliakim Sherrill, John I. Slingerland, Ephraim K. Smart, Truman Smith, Frederick

P. Stanton, George A. Starkweather, Alexander H. Stephens, James Thompson, Jacob Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, Robert Toombs, Thomas J. Turner, James Wilson.

A quorum having appeared, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Brodhead reported that the committee had had under consideration sundry private bills, and directed him to report bills of the House of the following titles:

No. 309. A bill authorizing the Secretary of War to issue a duplicate of land warrant No. 1,469, which originally issued in favor of Adam Hart, February 3, 1829;

No. 321. A bill for the relief of Thomas B. Graham; and

Bill of the Senate No. 76. An act for the relief of Fernando Fellanny;

severally without amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill (H. R. No. 90) for the relief of John P. Converse, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on Saturday last: when,

On motion of Mr. Alexander Evans,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

Subsequently a motion was made by Mr. Daniel that the vote recommitting said bill be reconsidered; which motion was disagreed to.

Bills from the Senate (No. 2) for the relief of Joseph Wilson and (No. 49) for the relief of W. B. Slaughter, late secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on Saturday last, (the latter with an amendment, which was read and agreed to,) were severally ordered to be read a third time.

And thereupon the bills were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and request its concurrence in the said amendment to the bill No. 49.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bills (H. R. No. 92) for the relief of William Fuller and Orlando Saltmarsh, and (H. R. No. 98) for the relief of H. D. Johnson, reported, on Saturday last, from the Committee of the Whole House without amendment: when

The bills were ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bills being engrossed, were severally read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the following bills *this day reported from the Committee of the Whole House*, when the said bills (Nos. 249, 259, 273, 274, 275, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 286, 288, 296, 309, and 321) were severally ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bills being engrossed, were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

The amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the said bill (No. 287) was agreed to, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The bills from the Senate (Nos. 51, 73, 75, 76) reported without amendment this day, were severally ordered to be read a third time; and

Thereupon the said bills were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendment reported this day from the Committee of the Whole House to the resolution from the Senate (No. 1) in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser, was agreed to, and the resolution ordered to be read a third time; and

Thereupon the resolution was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said amendment.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of House bill (No. 469) to regulate the exchange of certain documents and other publications of Congress.

Thereupon,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the bill be recommitted to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And the question being put, it appeared there was not a quorum of members present.

And then, on motion of Mr. Burt, the House, at 2 o'clock and thirty-eight minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## SATURDAY, June 3, 1848.

Mr. Morehead, by leave, presented a memorial of officers of the army in Mexico, praying the purchase and improvement of a piece of ground, to be denominated the "American cemetery;" and that the bodies of all American soldiers who have sacrificed their lives for their country in Mexico, or who may hereafter die in that country, may be interred therein: which memorial was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The House proceeded to the consideration of bill No. 215, for the relief of Peter Shaffer.

And, after debate,

A motion was made by Mr. Vinton that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 97 / Nays ..... 61

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Samuel A. Bridges
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Daniel Duncan
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Daniel Gott
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
Mr. Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
Daniel B. St. John
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John P. Gaines
Dudley S. Gregory
Mr. Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
Mr. David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
William Strong
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Hugh White.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday present to the President of the United States the bill (H. R. No. 430) entitled "An act to refund money for expenses incurred, subsistence, or transportation furnished, for the use of volunteers during the present war, before being mustered and received into the service of the United States."

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John A. Rockwell reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 219) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1849, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Sawyer offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the said bill (No. 219) shall cease in ten minutes after the same shall be again considered in the said committee, if the said committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same; and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House, with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

The said resolution was read; and

Mr. Howell Cobb moved to amend the same so as to close debate *at 2 o'clock on Monday next.*

Mr. Dickey moved that the resolution be laid on the table: which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Sawyer, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John A. Rockwell reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the said bill No. 219, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Jacob Thompson, by leave, submitted the views of the minority of the Committee on Indian Affairs upon the subject of the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina—the report of which, by the majority, was made on the 18th ultimo.

*Ordered*, That the said views of the minority be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Howell Cobb: The petition of citizens of Elbert county, in the State of Georgia, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Anderson, in the State of South Carolina, to Lexington, in the State of Georgia.

By Mr. McClernand: The petition of citizens of Union county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Jonesboro', in said county, to Metropolis, in Massac county.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of citizens of the city and State of New York, praying for the abolition of the franking privilege, and a reduction in the rates of postage.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Ficklin: The petition of citizens of Ceresco, in the State

of Wisconsin, praying that the public lands may be ceded to the States in which they lie, so as to be granted to the actual settler at the cost of survey and sale: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Morehead: The petition of Robert J. Cox, of the State of Kentucky, praying for bounty land, on account of his services, and wounds and disabilities received and incurred, in the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Charles E. Stuart: The petition of Elizabeth Whiting, praying for a pension, on account of the services of her late husband, Ebenezer Whiting, deceased, during the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Morehead: The petition of Nancy Alvis, widow of John Alvis, deceased, praying for a pension, on account of the services of her late husband during the war of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Job Mann: The petition of the heirs of Samuel Finley, deceased, late a lieutenant in the revolutionary war, praying payment of the commutation pay to which the said Finley was entitled: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did yesterday approve and sign a bill (No. 430) entitled "An act to refund money for expenses incurred, subsistence, or transportation furnished, for the use of volunteers, during the present war, before being mustered into the service of the United States;" and an act making appropriations for the support of the military academy for the year ending the 30th June, 1849.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 179) entitled "An act in explanation of an act entitled 'An act to appropriate the proceeds of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights.' "

The Senate have been notified by the President of the United States that he did, on the 31st of May last, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 31. An act to provide for the purchase of the manuscript papers of the late James Madison, former President of the United States.

No. 270. An act concerning Spanish steam vessels.

No. 111. An act for the relief of Reynolds May.

No. 65. An act for the relief of Edward Bolon.

No. 97. An act for the relief of Samuel W. Bell, a native of the Cherokee nation.

No. 88. An act for the relief of Thomas Brownell.

And then the Secretary withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, by leave,

*Resolved*, That James S. McGinnis have leave to withdraw his petition and papers, presented at the present session.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty minutes, adjourned until Monday next, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1848.

William Pitt Lynde, a member elect from the State of Wisconsin, appeared, was sworn to support the constitution of the United States, and took a seat in the House.*

Mr. Isaac E. Holmes introduced the following resolution, the rules being suspended for the purpose:

*Resolved*, That when the House adjourns to-morrow, it will adjourn to meet on Friday next.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. St. John moved that the said resolution be laid on the table: which motion was decided in the negative;

And the said resolution was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. George S. Houston,

*Resolved*, That the act of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama entitled "An act for the improvement of the Tennessee river," approved March 3, 1848, be referred to the Committee on Commerce; and that said committee inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill carrying into effect the provisions of said act.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the motion made on Thursday last, to reconsider the vote of the previous day referring the bill (No. 521) declaratory of the rights of naturalized citizens of the United States, and to protect them in the peaceful exercise and enjoyment of their rights and privileges against the acts and influence of foreign governments and their diplomatic agents, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

After debate,

The question was put, Shall the said vote be reconsidered?

And decided in the affirmative.

The question recurred on referring the said bill to the Committee on the Judiciary: when

Mr. Cummins moved that the bill be referred to a select committee;

And, after debate,

Mr. White moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz:

Shall the said bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary? (that motion having precedence.)

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 76 / Nays ..... 64

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Armistead Burt | Mr. Richard S. Donnell |
| Archibald Atkinson | Chester Butler | William Duer |
| Richard L. T. Beale | John G. Chapman | Garnett Duncan |
| Hiram Belcher | Franklin Clark | George G. Dunn |
| John Blanchard | Jacob Collamer | George N. Eckert |
| James B. Bowlin | Robert B. Cranston | Alexander Evans |
| Nathaniel Boydon | John W. Crisfield | Nathan Evans |
| Richard Brodhead | John H. Crozier | John W. Farrelly |

* One of the first two members from the *State* of Wisconsin.

Mr. David Fisher
John Freedley
Richard French
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
David Hammons
William Henry
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
George W. Jones
John W. Jones

Mr. Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Abraham Lincoln
James McDowell
James J. McKay
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
William Nelson
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
James Pollock
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.

Mr. Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Alexander H. Stephens
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
Daniel Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
James J. Faran
Willard P. Hall
James G. Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris

Mr. Thomas J. Henley
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Andrew Johnson
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Job Mann
Horace Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck

Mr. George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Sawyer
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill of this House (No. 370) entitled "An act to attach a portion of the northwestern land district of Louisiana to the district north of Red river, Louisiana.

They have also passed a bill (No. 222) for the increase of the medical corps of the navy; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Collamer, the House proceeded to the consideration of the motion, heretofore made, to reconsider the vote by

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NOTE.—In the proceedings of the House upon the foregoing question of reconsideration on bill No. 521, Mr. George W. Jones, of Tennessee, raised a question of order as to what constituted a quorum of the House; and

It was decided by the Speaker, that a quorum consisted of not less than a majority of the whole number of members of which the House is composed;

In which decision of the Speaker the House acquiesced.

which the House, on the 18th of May last, passed the bill (H. R. No. 509) to provide for applications for the renewal of patent-rights in certain cases.

And the question being put, Shall the said vote be reconsidered?

It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Collamer, the vote by which the said bill was ordered to be engrossed, was then reconsidered; and the bill, by unanimous consent, was amended, and again ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time;

And being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Henly, from the Committee on Printing, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That ten thousand extra copies of the report on the subject of the importation of adulterated drugs and medicines, be printed for the use of the House.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Clapp: The petition of citizens of Portland, in the State of Maine, praying for the establishment of a uniform rate of postage, not to exceed one cent for newspapers and two cents on each prepaid letter, for all distances.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The petition of citizens of Randolph county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Chester, in said county, to Perryville, in Perry county, in the State of Missouri.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Clapp: The petition of citizens of Westbrook, in the State of Maine, praying that the officers of the bureau for Provisions and Clothing be authorized to compromise claims against contractors for public service, who, from inability, have failed to perform their contracts.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The petition of citizens of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying Congress to take into consideration the expediency of authorizing an addition to the naval force abroad, by the construction of a number of active and efficient vessels.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Stephens: The memorial of John G. Smith, late suttler at Fort Mellon, in the State of Florida, praying payment of certain certificates, purchased by him, which were issued by Colonel Harney to the Seminole Indians for cattle in the Florida war: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. John B. Thompson: The petition of J. D. Ward, praying for an increase of pension on account of having been completely disabled by wounds received in the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The petition of R. Mayo, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying Congress to purchase copies of a book, prepared by him, entitled "The United States Fiscal Department:" which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Vinton moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union:

Mr. Pettit moved, at 2 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 19 / Nays ..... 126

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Richard Brodhead
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Mr. Lucien B. Chase
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George W. Jones
John G. Palfrey
Mr. John Pettit
Harvey Putnam
William A. Richardson
David Rumsey, jr.
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Thomas H. Bayly
Hiram Belcher
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Samuel A. Bridges
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
William Duer
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
David Fisher
John Freedley
Richard French
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Mr. Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
James G. Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Andrew Johnson
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Job Mann
Horace Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
Mr. John S. Phelps
James Pollock
Gideon Reynolds
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward

So the House refused to adjourn; and the motion made by Mr. Vinton, that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, was then agreed to.

And the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Richard W. Thompson, reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 219) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1849, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Green, from the select committee on the subject of a certain land office in Missouri, by leave, reported a bill (No. 525) to establish an additional land office in the State of Missouri; which was read a first and second time, (and was left upon the Speaker's table.)

On motion of Mr. Isaac E. Holmes, it was

*Resolved*, That when the House adjourns to-day, it adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

And then, on motion of Mr. Lumpkin, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 1848.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, and the Journal of yesterday was read.

And then, on motion of Mr. Charles E. Stuart, the House, at 9 o'clock and five minutes, adjourned until Friday next, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1848.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Jacob Thompson: The memorial of James H. Jenkins—heretofore presented January 15, 1846: which was was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Atkinson: The memorial of Dempsey Nash, of Norfolk, in the State of Virginia, legal representative of Thomas Bressie, deceased, praying for the passage of an act authorizing the payment of the half or commutation pay the said deceased was entitled to, for his services as a captain in the army of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Farrelly: The memorial of William Lynch, of Butler county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for a pension, on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mason C. Darling, a member elect from the State of Wisconsin, appeared, was sworn to support the Constitution of the United States, and took a seat in the House.

Mr. John A. Rockwell called for the regular order of business, being private bills.

Whereupon,

Bills of the House (H. R. No. 215) for the relief of Peter Shaffer, and (H. R. No. 85) for the relief of William De Buys, late postmaster at New Orleans, were severally taken up, and, by unanimous consent, informally passed over.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the motion made by Mr. Bowlin, on Saturday, 27th May, to reconsider the vote on the passage of the bill of the Senate (No. 64) entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the account of Joseph Nourse, deceased."

When, by unanimous consent, the consideration of the said motion to reconsider was postponed for the present.

All the private business on the Speaker's table being thus disposed of,

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for the consideration of bills on the private calendar.

The question thereon being taken by tellers, there was found to be no quorum voting.

And then, on motion of Mr. Boyd, the House, at half past 11 o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1848.

Mr. Albert G. Brown, by leave, introduced the following preamble and resolution; which were read, and the said resolution was agreed to:

Whereas it is the practice, in some of the district and circuit courts of the United States, to permit the institution of suits against the legal representatives of deceased persons before the period prescribed by the State statutes for commencing suits has elapsed, thereby giving to plaintiffs in the United States courts an undue advantage over those in State courts; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law as to forbid the institution of suits against the representatives of deceased persons in the courts of the United States, until such time as, by the State laws, such suits might be instituted iu the State courts.

Mr. Tallmadge, by leave, presented a memorial of citizens of the State of New York, praying the survey of a route for a post road between the cities of Philadelphia and New York, through the State of New Jersey; the line of such road to be retained under the perpetual control of the Union, and to be used for the construction of a railroad, to be constructed by the United States.

The said memorial was read; when

Mr. Tallmadge moved that it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Aud, after debate,

Mr. Venable moved that the said memorial be laid upon the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 60 / Nays ..... 66

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Mr. William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Mr. George Petrie
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Richard S. Canby
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
John W. Farrelly
Daniel Gott
Artemas Hale
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
John H. Harmanson
William Henry
Mr. Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Frederick W. Lord
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
William Nelson
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Mr. J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Hugh White
James Wilson.

The question was then put on referring the said memorial to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads,

And decided in the affirmative.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Vinton: The memorial of Andrew Dennis—heretofore presented February 18, 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. William G. Brown: The memorial of citizens of Wheeling, in the State of Virginia, remonstrating against granting any portion of the public lands for the purpose of securing the con-

struction of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean: which was referred to the select committee on Whitney's railroad.

By Mr. Robert Smith: The petition of citizens of Monroe county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the passage of a law directing the survey and authorizing the sale of that portion of the public land known as the Renault grant: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands;

Also, the petition of William P. Lamothe, praying compensation for transporting the mail between St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, and Alton, in the State of Illinois: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Winthrop: The petition of D. G. Ingraham, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for additional compensation for the manuscript journal of the late Joseph Ingraham, deceased: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the bills on the private calendar.

The question thereon being taken by tellers, there was found to be no quorum voting.

And then, on motion of Mr. Chase, the House, at 12 o'clock, meridian, adjourned until Monday, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1848.

Daniel Wallace, a member elect from the State of South Carolina, in place of James A. Black, deceased, appeared, was sworn to support the Constitution of the United States, and took a seat in the House.

Mr. Wentworth offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the following House bills, Nos. 168, 169, 170, 176, 367, 486, and Senate bills 47 and 201, for the improvement of rivers and harbors, be made the special order of the day immediately after the Oregon bill is disposed of, and to continue under consideration until they are disposed of, excepting Fridays and Saturdays.

The said resolution was read, and objection being made to its introduction,

Mr. Wentworth moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the said resolution.

Mr. George S. Houston moved that there be a call of the House.

And the question being put, "Shall there be a call?"

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas,..... 45 / Nays,..... 103

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Green Adams | Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb | Mr. Samson W. Harris |
| Archibald Atkinson | Winfield S. Featherston | Thomas J. Henley |
| William G. Brown | Willard P. Hall | Hugh L. W. Hill |
| Armistead Burt | David Hammons | George S. Houston |

Mr. Samuel W. Inge
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Abraham Lincoln
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
Mr. John K. Miller
John S. Pendleton
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Mr. Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Henry Bedinger
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Linn Boyd
Jasper E. Brady
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
George Fries
Meredith P. Gentry
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
John W. Houston
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
David Wilmot
James Wilson.

The question was then put, "Shall the rules be suspended, to enable Mr. Wentworth to introduce his said resolution?"

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 100 / Nays..... 61

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Thomas L. Clingman
Mr. William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Mr. Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly

Mr. David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
Meredith P. Gentry
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence

Mr. Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
John Pettit
James Pollock
William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.

Mr. Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Asa H. W. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries

Mr. Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Isaac E. Morse

Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
John Van Dyke
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

Mr. Ashmun offered the following resolution:

*Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives*, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective houses on Monday, the 17th day of July next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

The resolution was read; and objection being made to its introduction,

Mr. Ashmun moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the same.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 119 / Nays..... 40

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Richard L. T. Beale
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
Daniel Duncan
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
David Fisher
John Freedley
Richard French
George Fries
Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Horace Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Mr. William Nelson
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Hugh White
David Wilmot
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Henry Bedinger
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Armistead Burt
Richard S. Canby
Franklin Clark
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
Willard P. Hall
Samson W. Harris
Timothy Jenkins
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
George Petrie
William A. Richardson
Mr. William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Frederick P. Stanton
Richard W. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

The rules being suspended, Mr. Ashmun introduced his said resolution,

And the question was stated on agreeing to the same; when

Mr. Ashmun moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the said resolution was agreed to.

Subsequently Mr. Ashmun moved that the vote on the passage of the said resolution be reconsidered; and further moved that his said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Stephens offered a concurrent resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, under the previous question moved by Mr. Stephens, and is as follows:

*Resolved*, (*the Senate concurring*,) That the Commissioner of Public Buildings be directed to cause to be removed, without delay, the lamp and staff from the dome of the capitol.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (H. R. No. 179) entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights," and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Henry: The petition of Rebecca Freeman, of Rutland county, in the State of Vermont, praying for a pension, on account of the services of her late husband, Pearson Freeman, deceased, during the war of the revolution.

By Mr. Gott: The petition of Elizabeth C. Fitzhugh, of the State of New York, widow of Peregrine Fitzhugh, deceased, praying for an increase and arrears of pension, on account of the revolutionary services of her late husband.

By Mr. Jenkins: The petition of the heirs of Stephen Northrop, deceased, praying for arrears of pension, to which the said deceased was entitled for services rendered in the revolutionary war;

Also, the petition of Ann Spencer, of Herkimer county, in the State of New York, late widow of Hosea Hamilton, deceasd, praying for a pension, on account of the services of her said husband during the war of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Tuck: The petition of citizens of Meriden, in the State of Connecticut, praying for an investigation into the legality of slavery in the United States: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Jenkins: The petition of Susanna Prentiss, of Cazenovia, in the State of New York—heretofore presented December 15, 1846.

By Mr. Tuck: The petition of Benjamin Watson, of New Market, in the State of New Hampshire, praying for a pension, on account of disabilities incurred from disease, caused by exposure and hardships during the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The petition of citizens of Trenton, in the State of New Jersey, praying for an appropriation to remove an obstruction to navigation in the Delaware river, called the Perrywig shoals.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The resolutions of the common council of the city of New York, in relation to the return of duties paid on goods destroyed by fire on the 9th of July, 1845.

*Ordered*, That said petitions and resolutions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Tuck: The petition of citizens of Winnebago county, in the State of Illinois, praying that the provisions of the ordinance of 1787, prohibiting slavery in the territories of the United States, be passed into a law: which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. J. R. Ingersoll: Two petitions of citizens of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the survey of a route for a post road between the cities of New York and Philadelphia; the line of such road to be retained under the perpetual control of the Union, and to be used for the construction of a railroad.

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of citizens of White county, in the State of Indiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Monticello to Lafayette, in said State.

By Mr. Rumsey: The petition of citizens of Steuben county, in the State of New York, praying for the passage of a law permitting newspapers to pass in the mails free of postage within thirty miles of the offices of publication.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Jenkins: The petition of Elijah W. Brown—heretofore presented January 22, 1846.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of John D. and Abraham D. Van Ness, sole surviving children, and other heirs, of Captain David Nan Ness, deceased, praying for the payment of the half-pay for life, or the commutation, to which the said deceased was entitled for his services during the war of the revolution.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Resolved*, That all debate on House bill No. 219, making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1849, shall cease in two hours after the consideration thereof shall be again resumed in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union; and the said Committee shall then proceed, under the rules of the House, to vote on the amendments thereto, till the same shall be disposed of.

Mr. French moved that the rules be suspended, to enable him to move that the bill of the Senate No. 201, to provide for the repairs and improvement of the dam at the head of Cumberland island, in the Ohio river, be made the special order of the day immediately after the Oregon bill shall have been disposed of.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

And decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof. { Yeas ..... 92 / Nays ..... 60

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Linn Boyd
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Beverly L. Clark
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H Crozier
John Dickey
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
Mr. Meredith P. Gentry
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
Mr. William B. Preston
John L. Robinson
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Joseph E. Edsall
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Mr. John K. Miller
Isaac E. Morse
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Phelps
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the bills from the Committee on the Judiciary, referred to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, be made the special order of the day for the first open day after existing special orders of the day are disposed of.

The said resolution was read;

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Schenck obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 526) to grant pre-emption rights for certain islands in the Great Miami river: which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. White moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Speaker be authorized to pay, from the proper fund, to Mrs. Holley, widow of John M. Holley, deceased, late a memper of this House, the amount due him for mileage and per diem compensation at the time of his death; also, three hundred dollars to pay the actual expenses of removing his remains from the place of his death, in the State of Florida, to his former residence, in the State of New York.

The said resolution was read; and

The question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. Vinton the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Richard W. Thompson reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 219) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending 30th June, 1849, had come to no resolution thereon.

And then, on motion of Mr. Haralson, the House, at 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## TUESDAY, June 13, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 490) entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights,'" approved September 4, 1841.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 2. An act for the relief of Joseph Wilson;

S. 51. An act for the relief of Charles L. Dell;

S. 73. An act for the relief of Jones and Boker;

S. 75. An act for the relief of Richard Bloss and others;

S. 76. An act for the relief of Fernando Fellanny;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

On motion of Mr. Kaufman, by unanimous consent, leave was given to withdraw the papers of Jesse Sutton.

On motion of Mr. Pollock, the House proceeded to the consideration of the motion (made by him on the 1st of March last) to reconsider the vote referring the report (from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions) adverse to extending the provisions of the pension laws to widows of the officers and soldiers who were married since 1794, to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union;

And, after debate,

The previous question was moved by Mr. White, and seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the said vote was reconsidered.

Mr. Pollock moved that the said report be recommitted to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, with instructions "to report a bill extending the provisions of existing laws granting pensions to the widows of officers or soldiers of the revolutionary war who were married prior to the 1st day of January, 1794, to the widows of such officers and soldiers who were married prior to the 1st day of January, 1800."

The said instructions were read; when

Mr. Pollock moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the said motion to recommit, with instructions, was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Goggin, by leave,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be discharged from the consideration of the bill from the Senate (No. 113) entitled "An act for the relief of Messrs. Cook, Anthony, Mahon, and others," and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Richard W. Thompson reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill of the House (No. 219) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending 30th June, 1849, and finding itself without a quorum, had caused the roll of members to be called; and the following are the names of absentees reported, to be entered on the Journal:

Amos Abbott, Green Adams, George Ashmun, Washington Barrow, Kingsley S. Bingham, Ausburn Birdsall, Thomas S. Bocock, James B. Bowlin, Nathaniel Boydon, Samuel A. Bridges, Albert G. Brown, Aylett Buckner, Chester Butler, Charles W. Cathcart, Thomas L. Clingman, Howell Cobb, James Dixon, William Duer, George Fries, John P. Gaines, John Gayle, Joshua R. Giddings, Willard P. Hall, Nathan K. Hall, William T. Haskell, Henry W. Hilliard, Samuel D. Hubbard, Charles Hudson, Charles J. Ingersoll, John Jamieson, James H. Johnson, William T. Lawrence, Frederick W. Lord, Abraham R. McIlvaine, Joseph Mullin, Henry Nes, William A. Newall, John Pettit, John S. Phelps, Timothy Pillsbury, Harvey Putnam, Gideon Reynolds, R. Barnwell Rhett, William A. Richardson, Julius Rockwell, Robert L. Rose, Richard

F. Simpson, Truman Smith, George A. Starkweather, William Strong, Robert Toombs, John Van Dyke, Cornelius Warren, David Wilmot.

A quorum having appeared, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Richard W. Thompson reported that the committee had again, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the said bill No. 219, had come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Miller: The petition of Joseph Sloan, of Knox county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a pension on account of services rendered in the army of the United States during the Indian wars of 1790, and subsequently: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Isaac E. Holmes: The memorial of merchants and other citizens of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, praying for the erection of a custom-house in said city: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Tuck: The petition of Lucien Clavadetscher, praying for the removal of Captain William Ramsay from the United States naval service, on account of having used his official station to defraud honest citizens.

By Mr. Isaac E. Holmes: The petition of seamen and other citizens of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, praying for the abolishment of the spirit ration in the navy of the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Blanchard: The petition of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the abolishment of slavery in the United States: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Lord: The petition of B. B. Wiggins, of Green Port, in the State of New York, praying remuneration for the loss he sustained by an unjust prosecution on the part of the United States.

By Mr. Murphy: The petition of Philip Riley, of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, praying compensation for injuries done to his horse while engaged in the employ of the United States in the navy yard at Brooklyn.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Turner: The petition of citizens of Winslow, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Winslow, in Stephenson county, to Warren, in Jo Daviess county: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Hudson: The memorial of Joseph Harbaugh and other citizens of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying for an examination into the manner that the Smithsonian

building is being constructed: which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Chapman: The memorial of the legal representatives of the late Colonel John Crowell, deceased, late Indian agent, praying compensation for his services and remuneration for losses sustained in the performance of his official duties: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. McLane: Three petitions of officers and men of the Maryland and District of Columbia volunteers, in relation to the charges of Charles Lee Jones against Colonel George C. Hughes, praying for an investigation of the matter.

By Mr. Edsall: The memorial of the officers of the New Jersey battalion of volunteers stationed at Jalapa, in Mexico, in relation to the same as the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

And then, on motion of Mr. Pollock, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill (No. 218) entitled "An act for the relief of the Central Railroad and Banking Company of Georgia," in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have concurred in the resolution of the House providing for the removal of the lamp and staff from the dome of the Capitol.

And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did yesterday approve and sign a bill (No. 179) entitled "An act in explanation of an act entitled 'An act to appropriate the proceeds of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights.'"

Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Printing, to which was recommitted the resolution of the House relative to the binding of documents, reports, &c., with instructions to inquire whether any agreement has been had between the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate and the public printers, as to the binding for the two houses, made a report thereon: which, on motion of Mr. McKay, was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 490. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights;"

H. R. No. 370. An act to attach a portion of the north-western land district, Louisiana, to the district north of Red river, Louisiana; and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed said bills.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the 13th instant, present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 2. An act for the relief of Joseph Wilson.

S. No. 51. An act for the relief of Charles L. Dell.

S. No. 73. An act for the relief of Jones and Boker.

S. No. 75. An act for the relief of Richard Bloss and others.

S. No. 76. An act for the relief of Fernando Fellanny.

H. R. No. 179. An act in explanation of an act entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights."

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the consideration of the petition of the New Jersey Steam Navigation Company, and New York, Providence, and Boston Railroad Company, and that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Thomas Green, and that it be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. McKay, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred joint resolution No. 22, defining the reports to be annually made to Congress by the heads of the several executive departments, and requiring the same to be prepared immediately after the close of each fiscal year, and forthwith communicated for publication, reported the same with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said resolution No. 22; when, the amendments thereto being first agreed to, the same was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The resolution being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 527. A bill for the relief of Ira T. Horton;

No. 528. A bill for the relief of Augustus Ford;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, (from the Committee of Claims,)

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire and report whether any, and what, further legislation is required in relation to costs on the criminal side of the United States courts.

Mr. Moses Hampton, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (No. 529) making appropriations for the improvement of the navigation of certain rivers and harbors, and for the survey of cer-

tain other rivers and harbors: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn, from the Committee of Claims made a report upon the petition of James Y. Smith, accompanied by a bill (No. 530) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of William H. Russell and W. H. Brockway, administrator on the estate of John Johnston, deceased: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilmot, from the Committee of Claims, made a report upon the petition of James Moorhead, accompanied by a bill (No. 531) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garnett Duncan, from the Committee on Public Lands, made adverse reports upon the petitions of the Navigation and Hydraulic Company of the Mississippi Rapids, citizens of Akron, Ohio, for a grant of the public lands, and of joint resolutions of the Legislature of Indiana, in relation to marsh and wet tracts of land in the counties of Jay and Adams: which were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McKay, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 532) to repeal the fifth, sixth, and seventh clauses of the first section of the act in addition to the several acts regulating the shipment and discharge of seamen, and the duties of consuls, approved July 20, 1840; and also, to amend the act supplementary to the act concerning consuls and vice consuls, and for the further protection of American seamen, approved 28th February, 1803: which was read a first and second time, left on the Speaker's table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Goggin, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to which was recommitted the bill (No. 260) to establish certain post routes, reported the same with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, when the said amendments were agreed to; and thereupon, the said bill being further amended by the House,

Mr. Cummins moved that the bill, as amended, be recommitted to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads: which motion was not agreed to; and

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time, under the previous question moved by Mr. Kaufman.

Mr. Root moved that the vote on ordering the bill to be engrossed be reconsidered.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Vinton moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Hilliard moved that the consideration of the motion made by Mr. Root to reconsider be postponed until Monday next, and that the said bill, as amended, be printed: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 242. An act respecting the public archives in the State of Florida;

No. 249. An act to authorize the district judge of the State of Tennessee to hold special terms;

reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill (No. 239) from the Senate entitled "An act to authorize notaries public to take and certify oaths, affirmations, and acknowledgments, in certain cases, reported the same back with an amendment; which was thereupon read, and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, as amended, be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill (No. 122) from the Senate entitled "An act supplementary to an act to authorize the Secretary of State to liquidate certain claims therein mentioned, passed the 18th of April, 1814," reported the same back with an amendment, accompanied by a report in writing.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 533. A bill to alter and amend the act entitled "An act for the punishment of counterfeiting the current coin of the United States, and for other purposes;"

No. 534. A bill to provide for taking the seventh census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 535) for revising the laws of the United States, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, to which was referred the bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 151. A bill to regulate and equalize the compensation of district attorneys of the United States;

No. 491. A bill giving the consent of the government of the United States to the State of Texas to extend her eastern boundary:

so as to include within her limits one half of Sabine pass, Sabine lake, and Sabine river, as far north as the thirty-second degree of north latitude;

reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and be printed.

On motion of Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Major G. Tochman, attorney and counsel of the heirs-at-law of General Thadeus Kosciusko, and that it be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Buildings and Grounds be requested to inquire into the expediency of providing a suitable hall for the due permanent accommodation of the House of Representatives, and into the expediency of providing, in the mean time, for its temporary accommodation in the department now occupied as a congressional library.

On motion of Mr. French,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (No. 16) to change the place of holding courts in New Hampshire, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. French, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 94) entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Douglas, late United States attorney for East Florida," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Daniel P. King,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Orpha Roe, Sarah Smith, heir of Elijah Alford, Elizabeth Stanford, formerly widow of John McCaffrey, and the heirs of Zephaniah Halsey, and that they be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Daniel P. King,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Dorothy Mead, Barbary Baughman, and Abigail Williams, and that they be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Mr. Morris, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made adverse reports upon the petitions of the heirs of Moses Mathews and Noah Smith: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tallmadge, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Presley Thornton, accompanied by a bill (No. 536) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Tallmadge,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Isaac Abbott, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Tallmadge, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No 537. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Larkin Smith;

No. 538. A bill to provide for the payment of seven years' half-pay due to Sarah Ann Dye, who was the widow of Lieutenant Jonathan Dye, an officer in the army of the United States, and who was killed in the battle at Brandywine;

No. 539. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of John Mandeville;

accompanied by reports in writing in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the said bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Newell, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Abigail Stafford, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 540) for her relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barringer presented a protest of the Cherokee delegation of Indians, against the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in relation to the settlement required to be made under the treaty of 1846: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Jacob Thompson, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred resolution from the Senate No. 7, entitled "A joint resolution for the relief of Jonathan Lewis," reported the same with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and be printed.

Mr. Peck, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 541) for the relief of Robert B. Mitchell: which bill was read a first and second time, committee to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Botts, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a joint resolution (No. 30) in relation to the transportation and discharge of the military forces of the United States at the close of the war with Mexico: which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The resolution being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed, under the previous question moved by Mr. Botts.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

Mr. Botts, from the same committee, to which was referred bill from the Senate No. 103, entitled "An act placing the officer who performs the duty of adjutant at the military academy on an equal-

ity, as to pay and allowances, with the adjutants of regiments," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Botts,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the resolutions of the Legislature of Tennessee, in favor of an increase of the pay of the privates in our army in Mexico; also, from the consideration of the resolution of the Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, that Fort Howard may be vacated, and the reservation of land attached for military purposes may be sold; also, from the consideration of the resolution of the House of 20th December last, in relation to increasing the monthly and clothing pay of all non-commissioned officers and privates in the army of the United States; also, from the consideration of the memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, that the military reservation on the east side of the Mississippi river, opposite Fort Snelling, may be raised; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Botts, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Josiah P. Pilcher, accompanied by a bill (No. 542) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Botts, from the same committee, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That the resolution of February 16, 1843, relative to the army and navy registers, be rescinded, and in lieu thereof that the Secretaries of the Departments of War and Navy be required to furnish this House annually, on the first day of January, with a transcript of the official army and navy lists, in such form as to affix opposite the name of each person contained therein, in separate columns, the annual pay of such officer or person, the amount paid him for rations, servants, and forage, and the gross amount paid or allowed him in all respects for and on his accounts, for and during the preceding fiscal year.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 109. An act for the relief of purser Benjamin J. Cahoone;

No. 110. An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines of the brig-of-war Somers;

reported the same without amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed joint resolution H R. No. 16, providing for payment of the regiment of Texas mounted troops called into the service of the United States under the requisition of Colonel Curtis, in the year 1847, and for other purposes, with amendments.

The Senate have passed a bill (No. 269) entitled "An act to revive the act entitled 'An act to provide for the payment of horses and other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States,'" approved January, 1837; and the acts approved October 14, 1837, and August 23, 1842, and the last proviso to the act of March 3, 1843, amendatory of the same; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did yesterday approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 76. An act for the relief of Fernando Fellanny.

S. 73. An act for the relief of Jones and Boker.

S. 75. An act for the relief of Richard Bloss and others.

S. 2. An act for the relief of Joseph Wilson.

S. 51. An act for the relief of Charles L. Dell.

Mr. McLean moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which motion was not agreed to.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. John W. Houston: The memorial of citizens of Sussex county, in the State of Delaware, praying for the establishment of a marine hospital at the Delaware breakwater, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Kellogg: The petition of Charles Stuart, late a volunteer in a New York regiment, praying for relief, on account of disabilities received and incurred by hardships and exposure in a passage to California.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The memorial of Kerferd and Jenkin, subjects of Great Britain, and residents of Zacatecas, in the republic of Mexico, praying indemnity for damages sustained by them, by the illegal detention of their goods by military officers of the United States in Mexico.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Nicoll: The petition of Sally Andrews, of the city and State of New York, praying that in the event of any provision being made for the heirs of Haym Solomon, deceased, on account of any advances, losses, and sacrifices, made and sustained by him during the revolutionary war, she may receive her just rights, as one of the legal representatives of the said deceased: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. McDowell: The petition of citizens of Timberville, in the State of Virginia, praying for the abolishment of the franking privilege, and a reduction of postage to a uniform rate of two cents on letters, and on newspapers and pamphlets in due proportion: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. White, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 246) entitled "An act renewing certain naval pensions for the term of five years, and extending the benefits of existing laws respecting naval pensions to engineers,

firemen, and coal-heavers in the navy, and to their widows," reported the same with an amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said amendment, and the question was stated on agreeing to the same; when

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Richard W. Thompson reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (H. R. No. 219) making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1849, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. T. Butler King moved, at 4 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 60 / Nays ..... 68

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. George Ashmun | Mr. Samson W. Harris | Mr. Lucius B. Peck |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Alfred Iverson | John S. Phelps |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Timothy Jenkins | R. Barnwell Rhett |
| Ausburn Birdsall | John W. Jones | John A. Rockwell |
| Jasper E. Brady | David S. Kaufman | Joseph M. Root |
| Richard Brodhead | T. Butler King | William Sawyer |
| Aylett Buckner | Daniel P. King | Robert C. Schenck |
| E. Carrington Cabell | Emile La Sère | Augustine H. Shepperd |
| Lucien B. Chase | William T. Lawrence | Ephraim K. Smart |
| Thomas L. Clingman | Abraham Lincoln | Robert Smith |
| William Collins | Frederick W. Lord | Frederick P. Stanton |
| John Crowell | William Pitt Lynde | George A. Starkweather |
| John R. J. Daniel | Robert McClelland | John Strohm |
| Mason C. Darling | Abraham R. McIlvaine | James Thompson |
| John Dickey | James J. McKay | Jacob Thompson |
| David Fisher | Richard K. Meade | Richard W. Thompson |
| Andrew S. Fulton | Isaac E. Morse | Benjamin B. Thurston |
| James S. Green | William Nelson | James S. Wiley |
| Dudley S. Gregory | John G. Palfrey | David Wilmot |
| David Hammons | Charles H. Peaslee | James Wilson. |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. George G. Dunn | Mr. Charles Hudson |
| Daniel M. Barringer | George N. Eckert | Washington Hunt |
| Hiram Belcher | Elisha Embree | Andrew Johnson |
| John Blanchard | Alexander Evans | George W. Jones |
| Linn Boyd | Nathan Evans | James McDowell |
| Charles Brown | John W. Farrelly | Robert M. McLane |
| Albert G. Brown | Winfield S. Featherston | Job Mann |
| Charles W. Cathcart | Orlando B. Ficklin | Horace Mann |
| Beverly L. Clark | Richard French | John K. Miller |
| Howell Cobb | Daniel Gott | Charles S. Morehead |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | Joseph Grinnell | Jonathan D. Morris |
| William M. Cocke | Artemas Hale | Henry C. Murphy |
| Harmon S. Conger | James G. Hampton | William A. Newall |
| Robert B. Cranston | Moses Hampton | Henry Nicoll |
| John W. Crisfield | William Henry | David Outlaw |
| John H. Crozier | Hugh L. W. Hill | James Pollock |
| William Duer | Elias B. Holmes | Thomas Richey |
| Daniel Duncan | George S. Houston | David Rumsey, jr. |

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| Mr. Daniel B. St. John | Mr. Charles E. Stuart | Mr. Samuel F. Vinton |
| Richard F. Simpson | Frederick A. Tallmadge | John Wentworth |
| Alexander D. Sims | John L. Taylor | Hugh White |
| Truman Smith | James H. Thomas | Joseph A. Woodward. |
| Andrew Stewart | Thomas J. Turner | |

Mr. Vinton moved that the House resolve into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And then, on motion of Mr. Bagby, the House, at 4 o'clock and fifteen minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## THURSDAY, June 15, 1848.

The House, by unanimous consent, proceeded to the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the joint resolution of the House (No. 16) providing for payment of the regiment of Texas mounted troops called into the service of the United States under the requisition of Colonel Curtis in the year 1847, and for other purposes; when

The said amendments were read, and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled joint resolution (No. 16) providing for the payment of the regiment of Texas mounted troops called into the service of the United States under the requisition of Colonel Curtis in the year 1847, and for other purposes, and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Richard W. Thompson reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 219) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending 30th June, 1849, had directed him to report the said bill to the House with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, the question being on agreeing to the said amendments, which was stated; when

Mr. Vinton moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and

The following amendment was read:

In the 34th line of the printed bill strike out the words "*thirty thousand dollars*," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "*thirty-five thousand dollars; and the Secretary of the Navy is hereby directed to expend five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, in causing the observations to be made which have been recently recommended to him by the American Philosophical Society and the Academy of Arts and Sciences*;"

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 105 / Nays ..... 65 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Mr. Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Isaac E. Morse
Mr. Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James S. Wiley
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
William L. Goggin
Mr. James S. Green
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Mr. Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
William Thompson
Daniel Wallace
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

The following amendment was read:

"For the transportation of the United States mail between New York and Liverpool, between New York and New Orleans, and Havana and Chagres, and between Panama and Astoria, under act

of March 3, 1847, $874,600. And the Secretary of the Navy is hereby directed to advance to the contractors for said service, or to their assignees, for the purpose of enabling them to finish their steamships, contracted for under their respective contracts, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars per month on each of said ships, after such ships shall have been launched; but the money so advanced under any one of said contracts shall not exceed the amount of one year's compensation stipulated for in such contract, to be secured in all cases by a lien on said ships, in such manner as the Secretary of the Navy may require; and the money so advanced shall be faithfully expended in finishing said ships to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Navy; and compensation on the contract from Panama to Astoria shall commence from the time the ships are ready for service and placed at the disposal of the United States; the said annual compensation, however, not to commence until October 1, 1848."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 118 / Nays ..... 57

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Hiram Belcher
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
Samuel A. Bridges
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans

Mr. John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
John W. Jones
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T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Horace Mann
Dudley Marvin
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy

Mr. William Nelson
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson.
John B. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French

Mr George Fries
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade

Mr. John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
David Outlaw
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace.

The following amendment was read:

"For the completion of the Marine hospitals now building, viz:

At Pittsburg, $10,000;
At Cleveland, $10,000;
At Louisville, $10,000.

For the purpose of erecting marine hospitals on the sites owned by the United States at the following places, viz:

At St. Louis, $10,000;
At Natchez, $10,000;
At Paducah, $10,000;
At Napoleon, Arkansas, (so soon as the government title to the site selected and purchased shall be perfected,) $10,000;

Also, for the construction of a marine hospital on such site as shall be selected by the Secretary of the Treasury on the lands owned by the United States at Chicago, $10,000."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 120 / Nays ..... 41

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Jasper E. Brady
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark

Mr. William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans

Mr. James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston

Mr. Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Robert W. Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
William Nelson
William A. Newall
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Mr. Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
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Charles E. Stuart
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Frederick A. Tallmadge
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James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
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John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John R. J. Daniel
Orlando B. Ficklin
William L. Goggin
Mr. James S. Green
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Mr. James McDowell
James J. McKay
John K. Miller
David Outlaw
John S. Phelps
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Alexander D. Sims
James H. Thomas
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
Joseph A. Woodward.

The following amendment was read:

"*Be it further enacted*, That, in execution of the act approved March 3, 1847, making appropriations for the naval service, &c., directing, among other things, the construction of floating dry docks at the navy yards at Philadelphia, Pensacola, and Kittery, and in pursuance of the reports in favor of the two plans hereinafter named as best adapted to naval purposes, made by a board of officers appointed to examine all the plans, and by the bureau of Yards and Docks, the Secretary of the Navy is hereby directed forthwith to enter into a contract with Samuel D. Dakin and Rutherford Moody for the complete construction, within a reasonable time from the date of the contract, of a sectional floating dry dock, basin, and railways at the navy yard at Philadelphia, according to the plan and specifications submitted by them to the Navy Department; and also to enter into a contract with John S. Gilbert and Zeno Secor for the complete construction, within a reasonable time from the date of the contract, of a balance floating dry dock, basin, and railways at the navy yard at Pensacola, according to the plans and specifications submitted by them to the Navy Department; and also to enter into a contract with one or the other of the respective parties above named for the complete construction, within a rea-

sonable time from the date of the contract, at the navy yard at Kittery, of a floating dry dock, basin, and railways, upon either of the above named plans that the said Secretary may prefer as best adapted to said yard; the said works at each yard to be of the largest dimensions proposed in said plans and specifications: *Provided*, That in each case such contract can be made at such prices that shall not exceed by ten per cent. the prices which have been submitted by either of the said proprietors to the Navy Department for a floating dry dock on either of said plans, and for the basin and railways, of the dimensions aforesaid, at any of the said navy yards: *And provided further*, That the said Secretary shall also, by further contract with said parties, enlarge the dimensions of said works at each yard to a capacity sufficient for docking war steamers of the largest class, at least three hundred and fifty feet in length, if the dimensions above mentioned should not be found adequate for that purpose.

*Be it further enacted*, That the sum of four hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated towards said works from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, which sum, together with the sums that remain unexpended of the appropriation made by said act of March 3, 1847, for floating dry docks at the three navy yards aforesaid, shall be applied towards the payments to be provided for in the said contracts, and be equally divided between the said contracts for the said works at the three navy yards aforesaid."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 117 / Nays ..... 48 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Jasper E. Brady
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H Crozier
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey

Mr. Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
George Fries
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard

Mr. Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll

Mr. John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Mr. John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Mr. Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John B. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Richard L. T. Beale
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Armistead Burt
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Mr. Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
Thomas Richey
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
Joseph A. Woodward.

The following amendment was read:

"*Be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to make an agreement with the assignees of the contract made with A. G. Sloo for the transportation of the mail from New York to New Orleans, to touch at Key West, with their mail steamers on their passages to or from New Orleans, or convey the United States mail from Key West to Havana in a small steamer suited to that service, which shall be commanded by officers of the navy, as prescribed in said contract with respect to the large steamers of their line."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 69 / Nays..... 78

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
Mr. John H. Crozier
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
Mr. Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
Robert M. McLane
Dudley Marvin
Isaac E. Morse

Mr. Henry C. Murphy
William A. Newall
James Pollock
William B. Preston
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Robert C. Schenck
Ephraim K. Smart
Mr. Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Mr. Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Hugh White
David Wilmot
James Wilson

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
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John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
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Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. George Fries
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
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Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Horace Mann
Mr. John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
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Samuel O. Peyton
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

All the remaining amendments having been read, were then agreed to by the House; and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Vinton moved that the vote on ordering the said bill to be engrossed be reconsidered:

Mr. Murphy moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; which was agreed to.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 370. An act to attach a portion of the northwestern land district of Louisiana to the district north of Red river, Louisiana.

H. R. 490. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights."

J. R. No. 16. Joint resolution providing for payment of the regiment of Texas mounted troops, called into the service of the United States under the requisition of Colonel Curtis, in the year 1847, and for other purposes.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Harmanson: The petition of Philip Kellar, postmaster at Covington, in the State of Louisiana, praying for the passage

of an act providing for releasing him from the payment of a certain amount of money stolen from the post office at that place.

By Mr. Collins: The petition of citizens of St. Lawrence county, in the State of New York, praying for an alteration in mail route No. 1,049, so as to accommodate Depeyster and Pope's mills with the mail.

By Mr. Gott: The petition of citizens of Onondaga county, in the State of New York, praying for the repeal of the law requiring postage on newspapers circulating in the mails within thirty miles of the offices of publication.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Green: The petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Joseph Spencer, deceased, late captain in the revolutionary war, praying to be allowed the bounty land and commutation pay to which the said Spencer was entitled for his services in said war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Faran: The petition of passengers travelling on the western waters, praying for the passage of a law requiring steamboats to adopt and use "Evan's safety-guard:" which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Green: The petition of the heirs and legal representatives of Colonel Joseph Crocket, deceased, late a revolutionary soldier, praying for relief in relation to the claim and account of the said deceased, on which large amounts are due and unpaid: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of citizens of the State of New York, praying for the purchase of the Mount Vernon estate by the general government: which was ordered to be laid on the table.

And then, on motion of Mr. Kaufman, the House, at 4 o'clock and forty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## FRIDAY, June 16, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a joint resolution of the House (No. 30) in relation to the transportation and discharge of the military forces of the United States, at the close of the war with Mexico.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Vinton moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills.

And the question being put on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Rockwell, that being the first in order,

It was decided in the negative.

The question was then put on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Vinton,

And decided in the affirmative.

And the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tallmadge reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill of the House (No. 154) making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. No. 30) in relation to the transportation and discharge of the military force of the United States at the close of the war with Mexico, and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said resolution.

Mr. Vinton offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate on the said House bill No. 154 shall cease in one half hour from the time the consideration of said bill shall be resumed in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union; and the committee shall then proceed, under the rules, to vote on such amendment as may be offered thereto.

The said resolution was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Kaufman, amended, by inserting therein the words "five minutes," in lieu of "*one half hour;*" and the resolution, as thus amended, was agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tallmadge reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the said bill No. 154, had directed him to report the said bill to the House with sundry amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill.

And the question was stated, "Will the House agree to the said amendments;" when

Mr. Vinton moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put; and

The following amendment was read:

Add at the end of the bill, as printed, the following:

"For additional preservation of the site of Fort Moultrie, in Charleston harbor, three thousand dollars"

And the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?"

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 75 / Nays ..... 69

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Hiram Belcher | Mr. E. Carrington Cabell |
| Green Adams | John Blanchard | Thomas L. Clingman |
| George Ashmun | Nathaniel Boydon | William M. Cocke |
| Daniel M. Barringer | Jasper E. Brady | Harmon S. Conger |
| Washington Barrow | Aylett Buckner | Robert B. Cranston |

Mr. John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Meredith P. Gentry
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry

Mr. Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
William Nelson
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey

Mr. James Pollock
William B. Preston
Julius Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Samuel F. Vinton
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French

Mr. George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay

Mr. Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

All the other amendments having been agreed to,
The bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.
And being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.
And the question being put, "Shall it pass?" under the previous question moved thereon by Mr. Vinton,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 79 / Nays ..... 62

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell

Mr. Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey

Mr. Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Thomas S. Flournoy

Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
Meredith P. Gentry
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Mr. Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
William Nelson
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Mr. Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James S. Wiley
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
George N. Eckert
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
John Freedley
Richard French
George Fries
James S. Green
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Frederick W. Lord
Mr. John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Jonathan D. Morris
Samuel O. Peyton
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
John Strohm
James H. Thomas
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the bill was passed.

Mr. Vinton moved that the vote on the passage of the bill be reconsidered.

Mr. Hudson moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table: which was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Faran: The memorial of the heirs of John H. Piatt, deceased, late army contractor—heretofore presented December 23, 1839: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Fries: The memorial of Thomas R. Saunders—heretofore presented February 13, 1840: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Duer: The memorial of Nevins, Townsend and Company, and others, remonstrating against the passage of a law which shall

provide for surrendering to the State of Indiana the bonds of said State held by the government of the United States; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## SATURDAY, June 17, 1848.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee did yesterday present to the President of the United States a joint resolution of the House (No. 30) in relation to the transportation and discharge of the military forces of the United States at the close of the war with Mexico.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have concurred in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill from the Senate (No. 49) entitled "An act for the relief of William B. Slaughter, late secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin.

The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 72) entitled "An act for the relief of Silas Waterman," without amendment.

The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 17. An act directing the Secretary of the Navy to purchase from Doctor James P. Espy his patent right for the conical ventilator, for the use of the United States;

No. 129. An act for the relief of James F. Sothoron;

No. 135. An act for the relief of David N. Smith;

No. 145. An act granting a pension to John Clark;

No. 146. An act to provide compensation to William Woodbridge and Henry Chipman, for services in adjusting titles to land in Michigan, and for other purposes;

No. 147. An act for the relief of the heirs of Jean F. Perry, Josiah Blakley, Nicholas Jarrot, and Robert Morrison;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did yesterday approve and sign bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, viz:

No. 370. An act to attach a portion of the north-western land district of Louisiana to the district north of Red river, Louisiana.

No. 490. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant preemption rights," &c., approved September 4, 1841.

No. 16. Joint resolution providing for payment of the regiment of Texas mounted troops called into the service of the United States, under the requisition of Colonel Curtis, in the year 1847, and for other purposes.

No. 30. Joint resolution in relation to the transportation and discharge of the military forces of the United States at the close of the war with Mexico.

Mr. Vinton moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills.

And the question being put, *first*, on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Rockwell,

It was decided in the affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wick reported that the committee had had under consideration a bill (H. R. No. 159) for the relief of the legal representatives of Joshua Kennedy, deceased, and directed him to report the same to the House without amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, the question being on ordering it to be engrossed, which was stated; when

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and stated; when

Mr. Bowlin moved that the bill be laid upon the table: which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hammons moved, at 2 o'clock and thirty minutes, p. m., that the House adjourn: which motion was not agreed to.

The said bill was then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

And being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

And the question, "Shall it pass?" being put, under the previous question moved by Mr. John A. Rockwell,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 77 / Nays ..... 59

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy

Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
William Nelson
William A. Newall

Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John B. Thompson
Samuel F. Vinton
Hugh White
David Wilmot
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Ausburn Birdsall
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Joshua R. Giddings
Mr. William L. Goggin
James S. Green
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Mr. Job Mann
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Benjamin B. Thurston
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The following memorial was laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Vinton: The memorial of Blair & Rives, praying to be allowed the fifteen per cent. which was deducted, under a resolution of the House, from their bill for printing for the 26th and 28th Congresses: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

And then, on motion of Mr. Crowell, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until Monday, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## MONDAY, June 19, 1848.

The regular hour of meeting having arrived, the Clerk called the House to order, and stated, that in consequence of the indisposition of the Speaker, he could not attend the session of the House to-day; and that, therefore, it became necessary that the House should choose a presiding officer pro tempore.

Thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Ashmun,

*Resolved*, That Mr. Burt, of South Carolina, should preside as Speaker of the House for this day; and

Mr. Burt accordingly took the chair.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

No. 141. An act to authorize the sale of a part of reservation numbered thirteen, in the city of Washington, and for other purposes;

No. 151. An act for the relief of J. W. Nye, assignee of Peter Bargy and H. Stewart;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have passed bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

No. 12. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James Brown, deceased;

No. 3. An act for the relief of Phineas Capen, legal administrator of John Cox, deceased, of Boston;

No. 43. An act for the relief of the legal heirs of John Snyder, deceased;

severally, without amendment.

And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the motion made on Wednesday last by Mr. Root, to reconsider the vote on ordering the bill (H. R. No. 260) to establish certain post routes to be engrossed, (which was postponed to this day;) when,

On motion of Mr. Goggin, the consideration of the said motion to reconsider was further postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. George S. Houston, by leave, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 33) entitled "An act authorizing the payment of interest upon the advances made by the State of Alabama, for the use of the United States government, in the suppression of the creek Indian hostilities of 1836 and 1837, in Alabama, and for other purposes," reported the same with an amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill.

And, after debate,

Mr. Chapman moved that the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which motion was agreed to:

The Speaker pro tem., by unanimous consent, laid before the House a communication from Captain William Ramsey, of the United States navy, in relation to the memorial of *Lucien Clavadetscher:* which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McDowell moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That House report No. 541, with its accompanying joint resolution, providing for the payment of the expenses of the ship Macedonian, whilst engaged, under the authority of an act of Congress, in transporting supplies of food from people in the United States to the suffering poor of Ireland and Scotland, be made the special order of the day for Saturday, the 24th instant, and so continue until disposed of.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

The order of business being demanded,

The Speaker pro tem. announced as the business in order the presentation of petitions, commencing at the State of Illinois; when

Mr. Wentworth presented a memorial of a convention of delegates which assembled at Chicago, in Illinois, on the 5th day of

July last, upon the subject, and in favor of, the improvement of harbors and rivers by the government: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wentworth moved that it be printed.

And, after debate,

Mr. Hunt moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the said memorial be printed?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 122 / Nays ..... 56

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell

Mr. Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie

Mr. John Pettit
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
David Wilmot
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd

Mr. Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John R. J. Daniel

Mr. Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
James S. Green

Mr. David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Thomas W. Ligon
Mr. John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
John K. Miller
Isaac E. Morse
Charles H. Peaslee
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William Sawyer
Mr. Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Fisher: The petition of citizens of Clermont county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a reduction and equalization of postage on newspapers.

By Mr. Newall: Two petitions of citizens of Mercer county, in the State of New Jersey, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of Sylvester Mumford and William H. Tison, praying for the passage of a law authorizing them to locate a certain quantity of land, in lieu of that which they purchased of the government, and which has been since ascertained to be covered by a private grant.

By Mr. Bowlin: The petition of citizens of the State of Missouri, praying for a grant of alternate sections of the public lands along the route of the Lexington and Ohio railroad, to aid in the construction of said road: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Bayly: The petition of the heirs of Mildred Jones, deceased, late widow of Lewis Jones, deceased, a lieutenant in the war of the revolution, praying for the arrears of pension to which the said Mildred Jones was entitled: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Newall: The petition of citizens of the State of New Jersey, praying for an appropriation, to be applied under the direction of the States, for the establishment of institutions for instruction in geology, mineralogy, &c.: which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Bowlin: The petition of citizens of the State of Missouri, praying for the erection of an armory at Cape Girardeau, in said State;

Also, the petition of citizens of Perry county, in the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of an armory in the town of Birmingham, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, to accompany House bill No. 474.

Mr. Andrew Stewart moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to increase the

revenue, by increasing the duties on foreign luxuries of all kinds, and on such foreign manufactures as are now coming into ruinous competition with American labor.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 86 / Nays..... 82

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
John G. Chapman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
Mr. William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Mr. William A. Newall
David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
William G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
George G. Dunn
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green
Hugh A. Haralson
Mr. John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Mr. George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

On motion of Mr. Stephens,

*Resolved*, That when the House adjourns to-day, it adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock, a. m., to-morrow; and that hereafter the hour of the daily meetings of the House shall be 10 o'clock, a. m., unless otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the House resumed the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 469) to regulate the exchange of certain documents and other publications of Congress; when

The said bill was amended, on the motion of Mr. Murphy.

Mr. McKay moved further to amend the bill, by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Provided this act shall continue in force two years, and no longer:" which amendment was disagreed to, under the previous question moved by Mr. Murphy.

The said bill was then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

And being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed, under the previous question moved thereon by Mr. Murphy.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The rules being suspended for the purpose, Mr. Cocke offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, under the previous question moved by Mr. Cocke, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be directed to inquire into the expediency of printing ten thousand extra copies of Executive Document No 62, as revised and corrected by the Adjutant General, being a report from that officer showing the number of United States troops that have been engaged in the war with Mexico, the number who have been killed, died of wounds, &c.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Crowell asked, obtained leave, and introduced a bill (No. 543) to repeal the first section of an act concerning the District of Columbia, approved February 27, A. D. 1801, and for other purposes: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House proceeded to the consideration of the motion made by him on the 19th of May last, to reconsider the vote by which the House, on the previous day, granted leave to withdraw the petition and papers of the legal representatives of John Johnson.

And the question being put, (under the previous question moved by Mr. Vinton,) Shall the said vote be reconsidered?

It was decided in the affirmative.

The question recurred on the motion for leave to withdraw the said papers.

And being put,

It was decided in the negative.

The rules being suspended for the purpose, Mr. Taylor offered the following resolution; which was read and agreed to, and is as follows, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of the Whole on the state of the

Union be discharged from the further consideration of House bill No. 81, extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office; and that the same be put upon its passage.

The House accordingly proceeded to the consideration of the said bill No. 81, the question being upon the amendment thereto offered by Mr. Taylor on the 3d of May last, which was stated.

And, after debate,

The question was put, and the said amendment was agreed to, under the previous question moved by Mr. Taylor.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

And being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Collamer,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of House bill No. 50, extending the time for satisfying claims for bounty lands, and for other purposes, and that the same be now considered as disposed of.

The House accordingly proceeded to the consideration of the said bill.

And, after debate,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Robert W. Johnson, and seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

And being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Collamer moved that the vote on the passage of the said bill be reconsidered, and that said motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved, at 2 o'clock and twenty minutes, that the House adjourn: which was disagreed to.

Mr. Gott offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of House bill No. 472, entitled "A bill to regulate the postage on newspapers, and for other purposes," and that said bill be put upon its passage.

The said resolution was read; and, objection being made to its introduction, Mr. Gott moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the same.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

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| Yeas ..... | 128 |
| Nays ..... | 26 |

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Mr. Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Samuel F. Vinton
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Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
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Hugh A. Haralson
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Mr. John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Richard K. Meade
Augustine H. Shepperd
Alexander D. Sims
Frederick P. Stanton
James H. Thomas.

The rules being suspended, Mr. Gott accordingly introduced his said resolution, and the question was stated on agreeing thereto; when

Mr. Goggin moved that it be laid on the table: which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put on agreeing to the said resolution,

And decided in the affirmative, under the previous question moved by Mr. James Thompson.

The House accordingly proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, which was read; when

Mr. Brodhead moved an amendment to the same, which was read, and thereupon moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the said amendment was agreed to; and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Bedinger moved, at fifteen minutes before 3 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn: which motion was disagreed to.

The said bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed, under the previous question moved by Mr. James Thompson.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the vote on the passage of the said bill be reconsidered.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table: which motion was agreed to.

And then, on motion of Mr. Miller, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

## TUESDAY, June 20, 1848.

The Clerk called the House to order, and stated that the Speaker was still so much indisposed as to prevent him from resuming the duties of the chair;

And, thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Daniel P. King, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That Mr. Armistead Burt, of South Carolina, be appointed Speaker pro tempore to discharge the duties of the chair during the present week, if the Speaker shall remain so long unable to give his attendance.

On motion of Mr. Ashmun, by leave, it was

*Resolved*, That the Clerk inform the Senate, that in the absence of the Speaker, by reason of illness, the House has made choice of the honorable Armistead Burt, one of the Representatives from the State of South Carolina, as Speaker pro tempore.

On motion of Mr. Boyd, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of procuring of the inventor a sufficient supply of "Colt's recently improved repeating pistols" for our Indian and frontier service; and, if favorable, an amount necessary to purchase them be added to the general military appropriation bill.

The Speaker proceeded to call committees for reports; when

Mr. Bayly, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 30. An act for the relief of Commodore Foxall A. Parker, of the United States navy;

No. 126. An act for the relief of Anna J. Hassler;

reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made an adverse report upon the petition of George Bock: which was ordered to be laid upon the table, and printed.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Eunice Crossman, accompanied by a bill (No. 544) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Frances P. Gardner, Frances Fowler, Catharine Freeman, Mary Martin, of Tennessee, Hannah Lord, widow of Daniel Lord, James Oldham, of Maryland, Valentine Miller, James Phelps, Sarah Hammond, widow of John Hammond, Levi Nichols, and Thomas Pritchard, and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Cocke, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Lucy Clark, widow of John Clark, Abigail Higbee, widow of Elnathan Higbee, Anna Oldham, widow of John Oldham; which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cocke, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Polly Damron, widow of Charles Damron, accompanied by a bill (No. 545) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cocke, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Elizabeth Kinney, widow of David Kinney, accompanied by a bill (No. 546) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cummins, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Mary G. Leverett, accompanied by a bill (No. 547) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cummins, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of John Cripps, J. L. Fair, and others, heirs of Jonathan Fair, Francis Ingraham, and Joseph Cogswell: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Cummins,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Richard Pattison, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Cummins,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York, in favor of granting pen-

sions to the widows and orphans of officers and soldiers who fall in battle or who die of wounds received in the service of their country, equal to the pay proper of said officers and soldiers, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Hammons, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made a report upon the petition of Mary Buck, widow of Ebenezer Buck, accompanied by a bill (No. 548) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hammons, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Henrietta Moore and other widows of revolutionary soldiers, praying for a continuance of their pensions during their natural life, of the heirs of Robert McNeill and Catharine O'Neall: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Freedley,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Betsey Payne, formerly widow of Job Kenniston, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Freedley,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the citizens of Dover, in the State of New Hampshire, praying for the extension of the provisions of all laws in force granting pensions to widows of officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war to the widows of officers and soldiers of the late war with Great Britain, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Freedley, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Adah Smith, widow of Joseph Smith, David Troxall, Wolcott Burnham, Emily Hubbard, widow of George Hubbard and Asa Day: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sylvester, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Mary Stanton: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Sylvester,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Rhoda Drury, Ann O. Wright, Sally Hart, and Susan Oglesby, widow of Richard Oglesby, and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Bocock, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the bill (No. 78) from the Senate entitled "An act for the relief of Elizabeth Pistole, widow of Charles Pistole, deceased, reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the bill (No. 134) from the Senate entitled "An act for the relief of David Currier," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Fulton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Thomas P. Franklin, and that it be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Fulton, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Stephen A. Cory: which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Fulton,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of James Somers, Samuel T. Winslow, John Gordon, Mary Ann Fitch, widow of William Lyles, Chester Parish, and Hugh G. Smith, and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Wiley, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 549. A bill for the relief of William Whitcher;

No. 550. A bill for the relief of Francis Tribon;

No. 551. A bill for the relief of Edward Cole;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. William T. Lawrence,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of William Linville and others, Thomas L. Richardson, John Davenport, and David Ladd, and that they be laid on the table.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Solomon Street, Martha Flood, widow of William Flood, and March Farrington: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the House (No. 230) entitled "A bill to increase the pension of Henry Click, of Cock county, Tennessee," reported the same without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of George S. Claflin, accompanied by a bill (No. 552) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 553. A bill for the relief of Catharine Clark;

H. R. No. 554. A bill for the relief of David Towle;

H. R. No. 555. A bill for the relief of Henry Childs;

H. R. No. 556. A bill for the relief of William Pitman;

H. R. 557. A bill for the relief of Isaac Downs;

H. R. 558. A bill for the relief of Joseph D. Ward;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robert A. Thompson, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 559. A bill for the relief of Giles London;

H. R. No. 560. A bill for the relief of Gardner Herring;

H. R. No. 561. A bill for the relief of David Murphy;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Robert A. Thompson,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Jonathan M. Young, Hugh W. Dobbin, A. A. Whitlock and others in behalf of Samuel House, and that they be laid on the table.

Mr. Robert A. Thompson, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Russell Jefferson: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Robert A. Thompson,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the joint resolutions of the Legislature of New York, in relation to granting pensions to widows and orphans of officers and soldiers who fall in battle, and that it be laid upon the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill (No. 7) entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the regulation of seamen on board the public and private vessels of the United States,' passed the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen;" and a resolution (No. 22) to authorize and require a renewal of a contract for carrying the mail; in which bill and resolution I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have agreed to the amendment of the House to the resolution of the Senate (No. 1) in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. John W. Houston, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives cause to be erected and prepared for operation the machine of Francis H. Smith, for taking the *yeas* and *nays* in the hall of the House of Representatives; and that the same be adopted, when erected, as the mode of ascertaining the sense of the House on a call for the *yeas* and *nays*, and on a call for tellers.

The said resolution was read;

And, after debate,

Mr. Bowlin moved that it be laid on the table: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. White, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report upon the case of William K. Ashard, accompanied by a bill (No. 562) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Schenck, from the same committee, made a report upon the case of Samuel Graves, accompanied by a bill (No. 563) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Daniel P. King, from the Committee on Accounts, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Library of this House be authorized to procure a monument, of Quincy granite, with suitable inscriptions, to be erected in the Congressional burying ground, in memory of John Quincy Adams.

The said resolution was read; when

Mr. Andrew Johnson moved to amend it, by adding thereto the following:

"And that the Committee on Accounts be, and they are hereby, instructed to report to this House the entire funeral expenses of the late honorable John Quincy Adams, and the items composing the same."

And, after debate,

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill of the House No. 298, making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1849, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Collamer moved that the vote by which the House yesterday agreed to the resolution fixing the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., as the time for the meeting of the House be reconsidered.

Mr. Stephens moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 58 / Nays ..... 78 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Green Adams | Mr. Charles W. Cathcart | Mr. Mason C. Darling |
| George Ashmun | Howell Cobb | George N. Eckert |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Williamson R. W. Cobb | Elisha Embree |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | William M. Cocke | Nathan Evans |
| William G. Brown | John W. Crisfield | Orlando B. Ficklin |
| Chester Butler | John H. Crozier | Richard French |

Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
Mr. Samuel Lahm
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Jonathan D. Morris
William A. Newall
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Mr. Augustine H. Shepperd
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Robert A. Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Daniel Wallace
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Jasper E. Brady
Samuel A. Bridges
Charles Brown
E. Carrington Cabell
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
Winfield S. Featherston
David Fisher
John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell
Mr. Nathan K. Hall
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
George P. Marsh
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Isaac E. Morse
Mr. William Nelson
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Robert C. Schenck
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Jacob Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Abraham W. Venable
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
David Wilmot
James Wilson.

The question was then put, "Shall the vote agreeing to the said resolution be reconsidered?"

And decided in the affirmative.

The question recurred on agreeing to the said resolution; when

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, it was

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be laid upon the table.

The following memorials were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Robert Smith: The memorial of Jacob Waggoner—heretofore presented February 6, 1840: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands;

Also, the memorial of Mark Dickson, praying payment for mail service rendered on the route between Alton and Carlysle, in the State of Illinois: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at ten minutes past 3 o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 50. An act giving further time for satisfying claims for bounty lands, and for other purposes;

H. R. No. 469. An act to regulate the exchange of certain documents and other publications of Congress;

severally, without amendment.

The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 504) entitled "An act prohibiting the importation of adulterated, deteriorated, and misnamed medicines," with amendments, and an amendment to the title thereof, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have passed a resolution (No. 26) authorizing the presentation to the government of France of a series of the standard weights and measures of the United States, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

They have passed the bill (H. R. No. 136) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, and for other purposes, with amendments, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 108) entitled "An act making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States, for the year ending the thirtieth June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine," without amendment.

And then the Secretary withdrew.

Under the rule of the House, Mr. Maclay handed to the Clerk a notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill in relation to the public lands.

The House resumed the consideration of the report, made by Mr. Strohm on the 31st of May last, from the Committee on Public Expenditures, in relation to the annual report from the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of the finances, made to Congress during the present session; when

Mr. Bedinger, by unanimous consent, reported the views of a minority of said Committee on Public Expenditures, in relation to the said report on the state of the Finances, and moved that it be laid upon the table, and printed.

And the question being put, Shall the said reports be laid upon the table, and printed?

It was decided in the affirmative.

The question was then stated on agreeing to the resolutions accompanying the said report of the majority; when

Mr. Howell Cobb moved to amend the fourth and last of the said resolutions by adding thereto the following:

"And, also, ten thousand copies extra of the report of the minority of the said committee, the same to be printed in connexion with the report of the majority."

And, after debate,

The hour allotted to the consideration of reports of committees expired; and

On motion of Mr. Featherston, the House proceeded to the consideration of the motion made by Mr. Root on Wednesday last, to reconsider the vote by which the House, on that day, ordered the bill (H. R. No. 260) to establish certain post routes to be engrossed.

And, after debate,

Mr. Goggin moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the said vote be reconsidered? when

There appeared { Yeas ..... 88
Nays ..... 87

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Hiram Belcher
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy

Mr. John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
William Nelson

Mr. Henry Nes
David Outlaw
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
William G. Brown

Mr. Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling

Mr. Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson

Mr. John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Mr. John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Mr. Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

The Speaker pro tem. voted in the negative.

And the House being equally divided, the motion to reconsider was decided in the negative.

Mr. Goggin moved that the bill be laid upon the table.

Mr. Crowell moved that there be a call of the House.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 90 / Nays ..... 101 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Mr. Thomas S Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Mr. William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Mr. Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Mr. James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead

Mr. William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Meredith P. Gentry
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Mr. George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Mr. John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

So a call of the House was refused; and

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Goggin, that the bill be laid upon the table.

And being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 91 / Nays..... 104

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
Mr. George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Mr. Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.

Mr. Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Mr. Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Mr. John B. Thompson
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
Meredith P. Gentry
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Mr. Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Mr. Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

The question recurred on the passage of the bill; and before the same had been read a third time,

Mr. Featherston moved the previous question, which was seconded; when

Mr. White rose, and inquired if the bill was engrossed.

To which the Speaker responded in the negative.

Objection being thereupon raised to the bill being put upon its passage until it was engrossed,

The Speaker decided that, if objection be made, the bill must be engrossed before it could be put upon its passage.

From this decision Mr. Sims appealed.

And the question being put, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

And then, on motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union;

and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (H. R. No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1849, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

The House, by unanimous consent, proceeded to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 219) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849: which was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time, on the 15th instant.

The bill was accordingly read the third time, and the question was stated on its passage; when,

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the said bill was amended, by the unanimous consent of the House.

And the question was then put, Shall the bill pass?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 105 / Nays ..... 41

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John H Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell

Mr. Artemas Hale
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
John W. Jones
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Horace Mann.
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
William Nelson

Mr. William A. Newall
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
James Pollock
William B. Preston
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Augustine H. Shepperd
John I. Slingerland
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley
James Wilson
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd

Mr. Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb

Mr. John Crowell
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. George N. Eckert | Mr. George S. Houston | Mr. Joseph M. Root |
| James J. Faran | Alfred Iverson | William Sawyer |
| John W. Farrelly | Andrew Johnson | Alexander D. Sims |
| Winfield S. Featherston | George W. Jones | James H. Thomas |
| Orlando B. Ficklin | David S. Kaufman | Jacob Thompson |
| Hugh A. Haralson | William Kennon, jr. | Robert Toombs |
| John H. Harmanson | John H. Lumpkin | Abraham W. Venable |
| Samson W. Harris | William Pitt Lynde | Daniel Wallace |
| William Henry | Job Mann | William W. Wick |
| Hugh L. W. Hill | Richard K. Meade | David Wilmot. |
| Elias B. Holmes | John S. Phelps | |

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Collins: The petition of Peter P. Bellinger, of St. Lawrence county, in the State of New York, praying for a pension, on account of services rendered in the war of the revolution.

By Mr. John A. Rockwell: The memorial of the heirs of David Avery deceased—heretofore presented February 16, 1846.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Crowell: The petition of citizens of Mahoning county, in the State of Ohio, praying for a reduction in the rate of postage, and the abolishment of the franking privilege: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Nathan K. Hall: The memorial of Abraham Forbes—heretofore presented December 11, 1833: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Edwards, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 524) entitled "An act prohibiting the importation of adulterated, deteriorated, and misnamed medicines;" when

The said amendments were read and agreed to, and the title was amended to read, "An act to prevent the importation of adulterated and spurious drugs and medicines."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then, on motion of Mr. Howell Cobb, the House, at 3 o'clock and forty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

No. 19. An act to divide the district of Arkansas into two judicial districts;

No. 20. An act concerning testimony.

No. 36. An act to change the time of holding the terms of the circuit courts of the United States in the district of Maine;

No. 209. An act for the relief of the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents in the city of New York;

No. 251. An act for the relief of the personal representative of William A. Slacum, deceased;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the report made by Mr. Strohm, on the 31st of May last, from the Committee on Public Expenditures, in relation to the annual report upon the state of the finances, the question being on agreeing to the resolutions accompanying said report from the Committee on Public Expenditures.

And, after debate,

The hour allotted to the consideration of reports from Committees having expired,

On motion of Mr. Vinton the House proceeded to the consideration of the business upon the Speaker's table; when,

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the bill of the House (No. 136) entitled "An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending June thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and for other purposes," with the amendments of the Senate thereto, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 222. An act for the increase of the medical corps of the navy;

No. 218. An act for the relief of the Central Railroad and Banking Company of Georgia;

No. 269. An act to revive the act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses and other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved January 18, 1837; and the acts approved October 14, 1837, and August 23, 1842; and the last proviso to the act of March, 1843, amendatory of the same;

No. 17. An act directing the Secretary of the Navy to purchase from Dr. James P. Espy his patent right for the conical ventilator, for the use of the United States;

No. 135. An act for the relief of David N. Smith;

No. 145. An act granting a pension to John Clark;

No. 146. An act to provide compensation to William Woodbridge and Henry Chipman, for services in adjusting titles to land in Michigan, and for other purposes;

No. 147. An act for the relief of the heirs of Jean F. Perry, Josiah Bleakley, Nicholas Jarrot, and Robert Morrison;

No 129. An act for the relief of James F. Sothoron;

No. 151. An act for the relief of J. W. Nye, assignee of P. Bargy and H. Stewart;

No. 141. An act to authorize the sale of a part of public reservation numbered 13, in the city of Washington, and for other purposes;

were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 222. To the Committee on Naval Affairs.

No. 218. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 269. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

No. 17. To the Committee on Naval Affairs.

No. 135. To the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

No. 145. To the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.
No. 146. To the Committee on Public Lands.
No. 147. To the Committee on Private Land Claims.
No. 129. To the Committee of Claims.
No. 151. To the Committee of Claims.
No. 141. To the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The bill from the Senate (No. 7) entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the regulation of seamen on board the public and private vessels of the United States,' passed March third, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen," was read a first and second time, and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when

Mr. Elias B. Holmes moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 165 / Nays ..... 4

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Jasper E. Brady
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly

Mr. Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence

Mr. Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Horace Mann
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester

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| Mr. Alexander D. Sims | Mr. Frederick A. Tallmadge | Mr. John Van Dyke |
| John I. Slingerland | John L. Taylor | Abraham W. Venable |
| Ephraim K. Smart | James H. Thomas | Samuel F Vinton |
| Caleb B. Smith | James Thompson | Daniel Wallace |
| Robert Smith | Jacob Thompson | Cornelius Warren |
| Frederick P. Stanton | John B. Thompson | John Wentworth |
| George A. Starkweather | Robert A. Thompson | Hugh White |
| Alexander H. Stephens | William Thompson | James S. Wiley |
| Andrew Stewart | Benjamin B. Thurston | Hezekiah Williams |
| Charles E. Stuart | Patrick W. Tompkins | David Wilmot |
| John Strohm | Robert Toombs | James Wilson |
| William Strong | Thomas J. Turner | Joseph A. Woodward. |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. George Ashmun | Mr. John Dickey | Mr. George P. Marsh. |
| Robert B. Cranston | | |

Mr. Elias B. Holmes moved that the vote upon the passage of the bill be reconsidered.

Mr. Birdsall moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The resolution from the Senate (No. 22) to authorize and require a renewal of the contract for carrying the mail, was read a first and second time; when

Mr. Goggin moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

And, after debate,

The following memorial was laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. T. Butler King: The memorial of John Cassidy, praying compensation for his services in endeavoring to thwart and bring to punishment the pilferers and robbers of the public stores at the navy yard at Charlestown, in the State of Massachusetts: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1849, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

And then, on motion of Mr. Richardson, the House, at 3 o'clock and thirty minutes, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## FRIDAY, June 23, 1848.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had examined enrolled bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 524. An act to prevent the importation of adulterated and spurious drugs and medicines;

H. R. No. 108. An act making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1849;

S. No. 7. An act to amend the act entitled "An act for the regulation of seamen on board the public and private vessels of the United States," passed the 3d of March, 1813;

H. R. No. 3. An act for the relief of Phineas Capen, legal administrator of John Cox, deceased, of Boston;

H. R. No. 12. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James Brown;

H. R. No. 43. An act for the relief of the legal heirs of John Snyder, deceased;

H. R. No. 72. An act for the relief of Silas Waterman;

H. R. No. 469. An act to regulate the exchange of certain documents and other publications of Congress.

H. R. No 50. An act giving further time for satisfying claims for bounty lands, and for other purposes;

S. No. 1. A resolution in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser;

S. No. 49. An act for the relief of W. B. Slaughter, late Secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin;

and found the said bills and resolution truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the same.

Under the rule of the House, Mr. Embree handed to the Clerk a notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill granting to the State of Indiana the right of way, and a donation of public lands, for making a railroad from New Albany to a point opposite Mount Carmel, in said State.

Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Printing, to which was referred the resolution relative to printing ten thousand extra copies of Executive Document No. 62, as corrected, being a report of the number of United States troops engaged in the war with Mexico, the number killed and died of wounds, &c., reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That extra copies of said document be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Cabell, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a port of entry and delivery at Chessahowiska, Benton, East Florida; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Kaufman,

*Ordered*, That leave be granted to withdraw the papers in the case of Jesse Sutton.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas,..... 76
Nays,..... 98

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Lynn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
Mr. David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Thomas J Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
Mr. Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
Julius Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Franklin W Bowdon
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Mr. Charles S. Morehead
Isaac E. Morse
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Hunt moved that the committees be called for reports for one hour, and that such reports be received as do not give rise to debate: which motion was agreed to; and

Mr. Hubbard, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill (No. 564) for the payment of outstanding loan office and final settlement certificates, issued for money loaned, or for services or supplies, during the revolutionary war: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Vinton, from the same committee, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That debate on House bill No. 298, making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1849, and for other purposes, shall cease in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on *Monday next*, at 2 o'clock, p. m.; and the said committee shall then proceed, under the rules of the House, to vote on the amendments that may be offered to said bill.

The said resolution was read; when

Mr. Bowlin moved to amend the resolution, by inserting therein, before the word "next," the words "*the 3d of July next*:" which amendment was agreed to; and

The resolution, as thus amended, was then agreed to by the House.

Mr. Daniel, from the Committee of Claims, made a report upon the petition of the legal representatives of James C. Watson, of Georgia, accompanied by a bill (No. 565) for their benefit: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crowell, from the same committee, submitted the views of a minority of the committee on the petition of the legal representatives of James C. Watson, of Georgia: which was committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed, with the report from the majority of the committee upon the same subject.

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of John F. Ohl, accompanied by a bill (No. 566) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crowell, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 567. A bill for the relief of Thomas L. Judge;

No. 568. A bill for the relief of Satterlee Clark;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Crowell, from the same committee,

*Ordered*, That the said committee be discharged from the consideration of the petition of William Wickham, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Flournoy, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of the Union Bank of Florida, accompanied by a bill (No. 569) for the relief of the president and directors thereof: which bill

was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 215) entitled "An act for the relief of Jose Argote Villalobos, Marie Rose, Francois Felix, Marquis de Fougeres, or their heirs or legal representatives, and that it be referred back to the Committee of Claims."

Mr. Hunt, from the Committee on Commerce, made a report upon the memorial of the Chicago convention, upon the subject of the improvement of rivers and harbors by the general government, and sundry other memorials upon the same subject; upon the message of the President of the 15th December, 1847, returning a bill passed March 3, 1847, for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers; and upon the bill introduced by the honorable R. Barnwell Rhett, in relation to tonnage duties, accompanied by the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the United States vests in Congress the power to appropriate money to open and improve harbors, and remove obstructions from navigable rivers, in all cases where such improvements are necessary to the protection and facility of commerce with foreign nations, or the commerce among the States.

*Resolved*, That the interests of our national commerce, the common defence, and general welfare of the United States, require a judicious exercise of the foregoing powers.

*Resolved*, That the reasons assigned by the President in his veto message of December 15, 1847, for his refusal to approve and sign the bill prssed March 3, 1847, making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers, are deemed insufficient and unsatisfactory.

*Resolved*, That it it would be inexpedient, and contrary to the principles of the Constitution, to give the general consent of Congress, in advance of legislation by the States, to the imposition of tonnage duties by the several States, as a means of improving the ports and harbors at which such duties may be levied.

*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on Commerce on the memorial of the Chicago convention, respecting harbor and river improvements, the President's message of December 15, 1847, on the same subject, and the bill referred to said committee in relation to tonnage duties, with the minority report on the same subject, be printed; and that the Committee on Printing be directed to inquire into the expediency of printing extra copies of said report.

The said resolutions were read; when

Mr. Hunt moved the previous question upon the first four of the said resolutions.

Mr. Sims raised, as a question of order, that the previous question not having been moved upon the last of the said resolutions, that resolution was open to debate; and if any member desired to

debate it, the report and resolutions must be laid over, under the rule.

The Speaker sustained the point of order; and the said report and resolution was laid over.

Mr. Gregory, from the Committee on Commerce, made a report upon the petition of Lewis H. Bates and William Lacon, accompanied by a bill (No. 570) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Moses Hampton, from the Committee on Commerce, made a report upon the petition of William Milford, accompanied by a bill (No. 571) for his relief: which bill was read the first and second times, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 572) to authorize the issuing a register to the schooner James: which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Grinnell, from the same committee, to whom was referred the House bill No. 344, to transfer the towns of Vinal Haven, North Haven, and Isleboro', from the collection district of Penobscot to that of Belfast, in the State of Maine, reported the same without amendment.

And, debate arising thereon, the bill was passed over.

On motion of Mr. Grinnel,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill of the House No. 471, to admit certain articles of the growth or production of Canada into the United States free of duty, upon the condition that the like articles, of the growth or production of the United States, are admitted into Canada free of duty, and that it be recommitted to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Collamer from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred sundry memorials and petitions in relation to a reduction of the price of the public lands; also, that the public lands be laid out in farms and lots, for the free use of such citizens of the United States as are not possessed of other lands, and shall actually settle on them; made a report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Garnett Duncan,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Printing inquire into the expediency of printing ten thousand copies extra of said report.

Mr. Collamer, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 573) supplemental to an act entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant pre-emption rights,"

approved 4th September, 1841: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands,

*Ordered*, That the said committee be discharged from the consideration of the bill from the Senate (No. 146) entitled "An act to provide compensation to William Woodbridge and Henry Chipman, for services in adjusting titles to land in Michigan, and for other purposes," and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Collamer, from the same committee, to which was referred the resolution of the House of the 9th March last, in relation to repealing and amending the laws relating to the public lands, made a report thereon: which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Collamer, from the same committee, to which was referred the resolution of the House of 17th January last, in relation to amending the 9th section of the act to raise for a limited period an additional military force, &c.; the resolution of the House of the 13th March last, in relation to the reception of military bounty land warrants in payment for lands, by persons holding pre-emption rights; also, resolution of same date, in relation to receiving the bounty land warrants of those who may be pre-emption claimants on the Miami lands in payment therefor—the warrants to be estimated at two hundred dollars; also, joint resolutions of the Legislature of Indiana, in relation to the postponement of public sales of lands in the Miami reserve, in said State; also, joint resolutions on the subject of locating land warrants; also, joint resolution relative to bounty land warrants; also, joint resolution relative to location of bounty land warrants; also, joint resolution relative to volunteers who have settled on government lands in the great Miami reserve; also, joint resolution for the reduction of the price of public lands on the great Miami reserve to one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre; also, joint resolutions in relation to the location of certain bounty land warrants upon the Miami reserve; also, the petitions of citizens of Indiana, for the postponement of the sales of the lands in the great Miami reserve; also, petition of the Protestant University of the United States for a donation of public lands,—moved to be discharged from the consideration of the same, and that they be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands,

*Ordered*, That said committee be discharged from the consideration of the resolutions of the Legislature of Kentucky, concerning the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company; also, resolutions relative to Asa Whitney's plan of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Collamer, from the same committee, to which was referred bill from the House No. 526, to grant pre-emption rights for certain islands in the great Miami reserve, reported the same without amendment.

And, debate arising upon the bill, it was passed over.

Mr. Alexander Evans, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 574) granting a half section of land for the use of schools, within fractional township 19 south, of range 18 west, county of Lowndes, State of Mississippi: which bill was read a first and second time, and the question was stated on engrossing; when

Mr. Featherston moved to amend the said bill; and,

Debate arising upon the said bill, it was passed over.

Mr. Garnett Duncan, from the same committee, to which was referred the House resolution (No. 8) upon the subject, reported a joint resolution (H. R. No. 31) relating to errors and defective returns in certain surveys, plats, and field notes: which was read a first and second time.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Garnett Duncan, from the same committee, to which was referred bill from the Senate No. 216, entitled "An act respecting certain surveys in the State of Florida," reported the same with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; when

The said amendments were read and agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed; and the bill was read a third time.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendments.

Mr. Collamer, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 95) entitled "An act granting to the State of Illinois the right of way, and a donation of public lands, for making a railroad connecting the upper and lower Mississippi with the chain of northern lakes, at Chicago," reported the same with amendments; and

Debate arising thereon, the bill was passed over.

Mr. Goggin, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported a bill (No. 575) further to amend the act entitled "An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department," approved 3d March, 1845, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Embree,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the petition of citizens of Jackson county, Florida, for the release of a judgment in favor of the United States against the estate of Charles Matthews and Isaac L. Battle, deceased, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (No. 576) concerning the taking of official oaths in the District of Columbia: which bill was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was thereupon read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Jacob Thompson moved that the vote upon the passage of the said bill be reconsidered; and the consideration of the said motion to reconsider was laid over, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 577) for giving full effect to treaties of extradition: which bill was read a first and second time; and, debate arising thereon, it was passed over.

The hour allotted for the reception of reports having expired,

Mr. Pollock, by unanimous consent, from the select committee upon the memorial of Asa Whitney, for the construction of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean, made a report thereon: which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, with bill No. 468, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Haralson reported that the committee had had under consideration sundry bills, and directed him to report bills of the following titles:

H. R. 354. A bill for the relief of Doctor Adolphus Wislizenus;

H. R. 376. A bill for the relief of William Parker; and

H. R. 401. A bill for the relief Joshua Barney, United States agent;

severally, without amendment.

And that, in further proceeding, the committee had found itself without a quorum; that the roll of members had been called, and he now reported the names of the absentees, to be entered on the Journal as follows:

Green Adams, George Ashmun, Washington Barrow, Thomas H. Bayly, Henry Bedinger, Hiram Belcher, Kingsley S. Bingham, Ausburn Birdsall, Thomas S. Bocock, Linn Boyd, Nathaniel Boydon, Samuel A. Bridges, William G. Brown, Charles Brown, Albert G. Brown, Richard S. Canby, John G. Chapman, Lucien B. Chase, William Collins, John W. Crisfield, John Crowell, James Dixon, Daniel Duncan, George N. Eckert, Joseph E. Edsall, Thomas O. Edwards, David Fisher, Richard French, George Fries, John P. Gaines, Meredith P. Gentry, Joshua R. Giddings, James S. Green, Willard P. Hall, Samson W. Harris, Willard T. Haskell, Henry W. Hilliard, Washington Hunt, Samuel W. Inge, John Jamieson, James H. Johnson, Robert W. Johnson, Daniel P. King, Lewis C. Levin, Thomas W. Ligon, William B. Maclay, Richard K. Meade, John K. Miller, Isaac E. Morse, Joseph Mullin, Henry C. Murphy, Henry Nes, John S. Pendleton, John Pettit, John S. Phelps, William B. Preston, Harvey Putnam, Gideon Reynolds, R. Barnwell Rhett, William A. Richardson, John L. Robinson, Robert L. Rose, Robert C. Schenck, Richard T. Simpson, John I. Slingerland, Ephraim K. Smart, Caleb B. Smith, William Strong, James Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, William Thompson, Benjamin B. Thompson, Amos Tuck, Thomas J. Turner, Daniel Wallace, James Wilson.

A quorum having appeared, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Haralson reported that the committee, without making further progress, had risen.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the said bills Nos. 354, 376, and 401, this day reported from the Committee of the Whole House; when

The said bills were severally ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time; and

The bills being engrossed, were severally read a third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

Mr. Kaufman moved that the House proceed to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table: which motion was agreed to; when,

On motion of Mr. Haralson, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what further legislation is necessary more effectually to provide against the frauds practiced upon the soldiers of the war in Mexico, and to secure to them the lands or treasury scrip to which they are entitled for their services; and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a resolution (No. 16) to sanction an agreement made between the Wyandottes and Delawares, for the purchase of certain lands by the former of the latter tribe of Indians, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate has receded from its third amendment, disagreed to by the House, to the bill of the House No. 180, to amend the act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes, and have agreed to the amendment of the House to the 9th amendment of the Senate.

And then he withdrew.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Williams: The petition of citizens of North Haven and Vinal Haven, in the State of Maine, remonstrating against said towns being set off to the collection district of Belfast: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Lynde: The memorial of citizens of the State of Wisconsin, praying that the Mount Vernon estate be purchased by the general government: which was ordered to lie on the table.

By Mr. Newell: The memorial of George Townley, praying remuneration for supplies furnished the United States during the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Henley: The memorial of Jordan L. Mott, praying for

the passage of an act extending to him letters patent for an improvement in cast iron stoves: which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

In pursuance of the motion made by Mr. Kaufman—

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications:

I. A letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting statements of the accounts which have remained due more than three years prior to the 1st of July, 1847: which letter and statements were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of May 29, 1848, a statement showing the number of persons, of all descriptions, employed in the naval and marine service on the 13th of May, 1846, and the number who have entered said service since that period: which letter and statement were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

III. A letter from the chairman of the committee of arrangements of the Washington National Monument, inviting the Speaker, members, and officers of the House of Representatives to attend the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the Washington National Monument on the fourth day of July next.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the said invitation be accepted, and that the House attend the said celebration: which motion was agreed to.

Bills of the Senate of the following titles:

No. 19. An act to divide the district of Arkansas into two judicial districts;

No. 20. An act concerning testimony;

No. 36. An act to change the time of holding the terms of the circuit court of the United States in the district of Maine;

No. 209. An act for the relief of the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents in the city of New York;

No. 251. An act for the relief of the personal representative of William A. Slacum, deceased;

were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 19. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 20. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 36. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 209. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 251. To the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The resolution from the Senate (No. 26) authorizing the presentation to the government of France of a series of the standard weights and measures of the United States, was read a first and second time: when

Mr. Bowlin moved that it be laid upon the table: which motion was disagreed to; and the bill was then ordered to be read a third time.

The bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed; and the title was read and amended, by adding at the end thereof the words "*and for other purposes.*"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and request their concurrence in the amendment to the title of said bill.

The resolution from the Senate (No. 22) to authorize and require a renewal of a contract for carrying the mail, was read a first and second time; when

Mr. Goggin moved that the said resolution be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads;

And, after debate,

On motion of Mr. Stuart, of Michigan, the House, at 3 o'clock, and twenty-five minutes, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1848.

Mr. White moved that the vote by which the House yesterday agreed to a resolution providing for the closing of all debate on the 3d day of July ensuing upon the bill of the House (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending 30th June, 1849, and for other purposes, be reconsidered: which motion was, by general consent, passed over informally.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House proceeded to the consideration of the motion made by Mr. Bowlin, on the 27th of May last, to reconsider the vote, on the previous day, upon the passage of the bill from the Senate (No. 64) entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the account of Joseph Nourse, deceased;"

And, after debate,

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

Mr. Bowlin moved that there be a call of the House;

And the question being put, Shall there be a call of the House?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 40 / Nays ..... 112

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. Thomas H. Bayly | Mr. Elias B. Holmes | Mr. Charles H. Peaslee |
| Richard L. T. Beale | George S. Houston | Timothy Pillsbury |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | Timothy Jenkins | Thomas Richey |
| Ausburn Birdsall | Andrew Johnson | William Rockhill |
| James B. Bowlin | George W. Jones | William Sawyer |
| Samuel A. Bridges | David S. Kaufman | Richard F. Simpson |
| Howell Cobb | Orlando Kellogg | George A. Starkweather |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | William Kennon, jr. | James H. Thomas |
| William Collins | Samuel Lahm | Jacob Thompson |
| John D. Cummins | Frederick W. Lord | Robert A. Thompson |
| John R. J. Daniel | John H. Lumpkin | William Thompson |
| Rudolphus Dickinson | James J. McKay | James S. Wiley |
| Winfield S. Featherston | Jonathan D. Morris | Joseph A. Woodward. |
| Orlando B. Ficklin | | |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Franklin W. Bowdon | Mr. Chester Butler |
| George Ashmun | Jasper E. Brady | E. Carrington Cabell |
| Daniel M. Barringer | William G. Brown | Richard S. Canby |
| Henry Bedinger | Albert G. Brown | Charles W. Cathcart |

Mr. John G. Chapman
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson

Mr. John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Isaac E. Morse
William Nelson
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw

Mr. John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Alexander D. Sims
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

The question recurred on the motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, to lay upon the table the motion to reconsider,

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 84 / Nays ..... 74

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly

Mr. John Freedley
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Orlando Kellogg
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Horace Mann

Mr. George P. Marsh
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart

Mr. Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
Mr. John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Mr. Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
Mr. David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Alexander Irvin
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sere
Shepherd Leffler
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Charles H. Peaslee
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the bill stands passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the amendment of the House to the said bill.

Mr. James G Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 7. An act to amend the act entitled "An act for the regulation of seamen on board the public and private vessels of the United States," passed the 3d of March, 1813.

H. R. 524. An act to prevent the importation of adulterated and spurious drugs and medicines.

H. R. 108. An act making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1849.

S. No. 49. An act for the relief of W. B. Slaughter, late secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin.

S. R. No. 1. A resolution in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser.

H. R. No. 3. An act for the relief of Phineas Capen, legal administrator of John Cox, deceased, of Boston.

H. R. No. 12. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James Brown.

H. R. No. 43. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Snyder, deceased.

H. R. No. 72. An act for the relief of Silas Waterman.

H. R. No. 469. An act to regulate the exchange of certain documents and other publications of Congress.

H. R. No. 50. An act giving further time for satisfying claims for bounty lands, and for other purposes.

Mr. John A. Rockwell offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the bill (No. 163) for the relief of Lyon and Howard shall cease in three quarters of an hour after the same shall be taken up again in committee, if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same; and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then lay it aside, to be reported to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Rockwell moved the previous question.

Mr. Jacob Thompson moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 66 / Nays ..... 95

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Hugh A. Haralson
Mr. John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Alfred Irverson
John Jamieson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
John Pettit
Timothy Pillsbury
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Mr. Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
James Dixon
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
Mr. John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston

Mr. Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
John W. Jones
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Mr. Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
James Pollock
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Mr. Peter H. Sylvester
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

The said resolution was then agreed to, under the previous question as moved by Mr. Rockwell.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (H. R. No. 180) entitled "An act to amend the act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes," and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Mr. Sawyer moved, at a quarter past 2 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills; which motion was not agreed to.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Hammons: The petition of Josiah Hobbs, of Newfield, in Maine, praying for a pension on account of service rendered during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb: The memorial of Thomas T. Gammage, of the State of Texas, praying remuneration for property pressed into the service of the United States during the Creek Indian hostilities in the State of Alabama.

By Mr. Fries: The petition of James Mackall, of Columbiana county, in the State of Ohio, praying relief in relation to moneys paid by him into the land office at Bucyrus for a certain tract of land, and the damages sustained by not receiving a title for the same.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The petition of Mary Ann Pollard, widow of John Pollard, deceased, praying for a pension on account of the decease of her said husband from injuries received in the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

And then, on motion of Mr. Vinton, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty minutes, p. m., adjourned until Monday next, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1848.

Mr. Featherston moved that the House proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 260) to establish certain post routes, (which bill was ordered to be engrossed on the 14th instant.)

The motion being objected to, Mr. Featherston moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the said bill;

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas ..... 88 / Nays ..... 63

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Samuel A. Bridges
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
Meredith P. Gentry
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill

Mr. Henry W. Hilliard
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee

Mr. Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell

Mr. Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton

Mr. John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William T. Lawrence
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
John G. Palfrey

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| Mr. John S. Pendleton | Mr. Daniel B. St. John | Mr. Andrew Stewart |
| Julius Rockwell | Augustine H. Shepperd | John Strohm |
| John A. Rockwell | Peter H. Sylvester | John L. Taylor |
| Joseph M. Root | Caleb B. Smith | Samuel F. Vinton |
| David Rumsey, jr. | Truman Smith | Cornelius Warren. |

Mr. Embree asked for leave to introduce "*a bill to establish certain post routes*," (previous notice not having been given.)

Objection being made to the introduction of the said bill,

Mr. Embree moved that the rules be suspended, to enable him to introduce it;

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 81 / Nays..... 79

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Nathan Evans | Mr. Dudley Marvin |
| Green Adams | John W. Farrelly | William Nelson |
| George Ashmun | David Fisher | Henry Nes |
| Washington Barrow | Thomas S. Flournoy | William A. Newell |
| John Blanchard | John Freedley | John G. Palfrey |
| John M. Botts | Andrew S. Fulton | John S. Pendleton |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | William L. Goggin | James Pollock |
| Jasper E. Brady | Daniel Gott | Gideon Reynolds |
| Aylett Buckner | Artemas Hale | Julius Rockwell |
| Armistead Burt | Nathan K. Hall | John A. Rockwell |
| Chester Butler | James G. Hampton | Joseph M. Root |
| E. Carrington Cabell | Moses Hampton | David Rumsey, jr. |
| Thomas L. Clingman | Henry W. Hilliard | Daniel B. St. John |
| William M. Cocke | Elias B. Holmes | Robert C. Schenck |
| Harmon S. Conger | John W. Houston | Augustine H. Shepperd |
| Robert B. Cranston | Samuel D. Hubbard | Eliakim Sherrill |
| John W. Crisfield | Charles Hudson | Peter H. Sylvester |
| John Crowell | Washington Hunt | Caleb B. Smith |
| John H. Crozier | Joseph R. Ingersoll | Alexander H. Stephens |
| John Dickey | Alexander Irvin | Andrew Stewart |
| Richard S. Donnell | John W. Jones | John Strohm |
| Daniel Duncan | Orlando Kellogg | John L. Taylor |
| Garnett Duncan | William T. Lawrence | Bannon G. Thibodeaux |
| George G. Dunn | Abraham Lincoln | Patrick W. Tompkins |
| George N. Eckert | Abraham R. McIlvaine | John Van Dyke |
| Elisha Embree | Horace Mann | Samuel F. Vinton |
| Alexander Evans | George P. Marsh | Cornelius Warren. |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. John R. J. Daniel | Mr. James H. Johnson |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | Mason C. Darling | Robert W. Johnson |
| Ausburn Birdsall | Rudolphus Dickinson | George W. Jones |
| Thomas S. Bocock | James J. Faran | David S. Kaufman |
| James B. Bowlin | Winfield S. Featherston | William Kennon, jr. |
| Linn Boyd | Orlando B. Ficklin | Samuel Lahm |
| Samuel A. Bridges | Richard French | Emile La Sère |
| Richard Brodhead | George Fries | Sidney Lawrence |
| William G. Brown | David Hammons | Shepherd Leffler |
| Richard S. Canby | Hugh A. Haralson | Thomas W. Ligon |
| Charles W. Cathcart | Samson W. Harris | John H. Lumpkin |
| Lucien B. Chase | Thomas J. Henley | William B. Maclay |
| Franklin Clark | Hugh L. W. Hill | Robert McClelland |
| Beverly L. Clark | George S. Houston | John A. McClernand |
| Howell Cobb | Samuel W. Inge | James McDowell |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | Charles J. Ingersoll | James J. McKay |
| John D. Cummins | Alfred Iverson | Job Mann |

Mr. John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
Richard F. Simpson
Mr. Alexander D. Sims
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Mr. William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

On motion of Mr. Jacob Thompson, the House proceeded to the consideration of his motion, made on Friday last, *to reconsider* the vote by which the House on that day passed the bill (H. R. 576) "concerning the taking of official oaths in the District of Columbia;"

And, after debate,

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

No. 26. An act for the relief of Russell Goss;

No. 572. An act to authorize the issuing a register to the schooner James;

No. 253. An act to change the name of the steamboat "Charles Downing" to the "Calhoun;"

No. 47. An act for the relief of Barclay & Livingston, and Smith, Thurger & Company;

severally without amendment.

The Senate have passed bills and a resolution of the following titles:

No. 142. An act for the relief of Benjamin Adams and Company, and others;

No. 153. An act for the relief of Charles Richmond;

No. 154. An act for the relief of William B. Stokes;

No. 155. An act granting a pension to Bethia Healy, widow of George Healy, deceased;

No. 157. An act to confirm to the legal representatives of Joseph Dutaillis the location of a certain New Madrid certificate;

No. 161. An act for the relief of Samuel Grice;

No. 162. An act for the relief of George V. Mitchell;

No. 163. An act to relinquish the reversionary interest of the United States in a certain Indian reservation in the State of Alabama;

No. 165. An act for the relief of Stalker & Hill;

No. 167. An act for the relief of Alfred White;

No. 230. An act to promote the despatch of business in the Supreme Court, and to repeal the second section of the act approved June 17, 1844, entitled "An act concerning the Supreme Court of the United States;"

No. 13. A resolution for the relief H. B. Gaither; and

No. 293. An act to vest the title of the United States in the purchasers of certain lands sold under execution against Gordon D. Boyd;

in which bills and resolution I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

They have agreed to the amendment of the House to the title of the resolution from the Senate (No. 26) entitled "A resolution authorizing the presentation to the government of France of a series of the standard weights and measures of the United States, and *for other purposes;*" and

They have agreed to the amendment of the House to the bill from the Senate (No 216) entitled "An act respecting certain surveys in the State of Florida."

The Senate have this day chosen the honorable David R. Atchison President pro tempore, in the absence of the Vice President.

The Senate have passed a resolution providing that the portrait of Major General Baron De Kalb, presented by his surviving family, be placed in the Library of Congress; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (H. R. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

On motion of Mr. Haralson, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be requested to communicate to this House the strength of the different corps of the army of the United States, after the discharge of those who by the terms of their enlistment and the operation of existing laws are required to be discharged at the close of the war with Mexico; also, that he communicate what will be the strength of the corps remaining in the army when filled to the maximum authorized by law.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill (H. R. No. 155) making appropriations for the support of the army and of volunteers for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and that it be recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. James Thompson: The memorial of Wyatt Eppes, praying for the payment of a bill of costs allowed by the district judge of the United States court for the State of Mississippi: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Isaac E. Holmes: The memorial of Horatio Fitch, praying for a renewal of his pension, on account of services rendered,

and wounds and disabilities received, in the late war with Great Britain; and also, the same in the war with Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The memorial of Henry Beares, of Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying indemnity for loss and damage sustained by him in the non-fulfilment of a contract made with the United States for improving the navigation of the Ohio river: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Abbott: The memorial of citizens of Andover, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for a reduction of postage to two cents on each letter, and that the franking privilege allowed to members of Congress be commuted for an increase of their compensation: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House adjourned, at 3 o'clock and eleven minutes, until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## TUESDAY, June 27, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Robert Smith, by leave,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw the papers in the case of Enoch Baldwin.

And the papers were withdrawn by Mr. Smith.

On motion of Mr. Newell, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law approved April 23, 1808, appropriating annually two hundred thousand dollars for arming the whole militia of the United States and Territories, so as to increase the same to an amount equal to the present wants of the country, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Moses Hampton,

*Resolved*, That George Cochran have leave to withdraw his papers from the files of this House, relating to his claim against the United States.

The papers were accordingly withdrawn by Mr. Hampton.

On motion of Mr. Strohm,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw the papers in the case of Samuel Royer.

The papers were accordingly withdrawn by Mr. Strohm.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Sidney Lawrence obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 578) to revive and amend the act entitled "An act granting bounties in land, and extra pay, to certain Canadian volunteers," approved March 5, 1816: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. McIlvaine, by leave, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which the subject of an Indian territory west of the Mississippi was referred, by resolution of this House, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 579) to provide for the organization of an Indian territory west of the Mississippi river: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the

Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Embree obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 580) granting to the State of Indiana the right of way, and a donation of public lands, for making a railroad from New Albany to the Wabash river, opposite Mount Carmel: which bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Hilliard,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill of the House No. 352, to change the place of holding the district court for the middle district of Alabama, and for other purposes, and that it be referred back to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Kaufman,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill (H. R. No. 491) giving the consent of the government of the United States to the State of Texas to extend her eastern boundary, so as to include within her limits one-half of Sabine pass, Sabine lake, and Sabine river, as far north as the thirty-second degree of north latitude.

The House proceeded to the consideration of said bill; when

It was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Stephens, by leave, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 202) entitled "An act for the relief of the bona fide settlers under the act for the armed occupation and settlement of a part of the Territory of Florida," reported the same without amendment; and

The bill, by unanimous consent of the House, was thereupon ordered to be read a third time.

And it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

By unanimous consent, the Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Clerk of the House, acknowledging the receipt of certain books addressed to "the Chamber of Deputies of the United States of America, at Washington."

*Ordered*, That said communication be referred to the Committee on the Library.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the amendment of the House to the bill from the Senate (No. 64) entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the account of Joseph Nourse, deceased."

They have passed the bill of the House No. 350, supplemental to an act to confirm the survey and location of certain claims for lands in the State of Mississippi, east of Pearl river, and south of the thirty-first degree of north latitude, approved March 3, 1845, with an amendment.

They have passed bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

No. 311. An act for the relief of Edna Hickman, wife of Alexander D. Peck;

No. 44. An act for the relief of Thomas Scott, register of the land office at Chilicothe, Ohio, for services connected with the duties of his office;

No. 576. An act concerning the taking of official oaths in the District of Columbia;

No. 54. An act for the relief of William Rolstar;

severally, without amendment.

They have passed bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

No. 84. An act supplemental to the act passed on the 9th day of July, in the year 1846, entitled "An act to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia;

No. 58. An act for the issuing of patents for lands in the State of Louisiana, in a certain class of cases, and for other purposes;

No. 56. An act to provide for a survey of the mouth of Red river, in the State of Louisiana;

No. 30. A resolution to explain an act passed 24th June, 1848, entitled "An act for the relief of W. B. Slaughter, late Secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin;"

in which bills and resolution I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. James G. Hampton, the House proceeded to the consideration of the said resolution, (No. 30,) when it was, by unanimous consent, read a first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day; and

The resolution was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did yesterday approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 108. An act making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States for the year ending 30th June, 1849.

No. 524. An act to prevent the importation of adulterated and spurious drugs and medicines.

No. 469. An act to regulate the exchange of certain documents and other publications of Congress.

No. 12. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of James Brown, deceased.

No. 72. An act for the relief of Silas Waterman.

No. 50. An act giving further time for satisfying claims for bounty lands, and for other purposes.

No. 43. An act for the relief of the legal heirs of John Snyder, deceased.

No. 3. An act for the relief of Phineas Capen, administrator of John Cox, deceased, of Boston.

The House resumed the consideration of the report made by Mr. Strohm, from the Committee on Public Expenditures, on the 31st

day of May last, in relation to the annual report on the state of the finances, and the resolutions accompanying the same, the question being on the amendment moved to the last of the said resolutions, by Mr. Howell Cobb, by adding at the end thereof the following:

"And also, ten thousand copies extra of the views or report of the minority of said committee upon the same subject, to be printed with the report of the majority."

And, after debate,

Mr. Howell Cobb moved the previous question.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill of the House No. 298, making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June 30, 1849, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee did this day present to the President of the United States a bill (No. 180) entitled "An act to amend the 'Act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes.'"

Mr. Caleb B. Smith gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to surrender to the State of Indiana so much of the Cumberland road as lies within that State.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Cabell: The petition of L. B. Harbour, praying compensation for a horse taken from him by public authority, and converted to public use, during the Florida war.

By Mr. Lumpkin: The petition of William Y. Hansell, William H. Underwood, and the representatives of Samuel Rockwell, deceased, praying Congress to make provision by law for the payment of their respective claims against the government, according to the amounts awarded them by referees.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The petition of the heirs of Colonel Seth Warner, deceased, praying payment of the amount due the said Warner for his services in the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Collins: The memorial of Mary Seger, widow of Peter Seger, deceased, praying for a pension, on account of the services of her late husband in the revolutionary war: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Chapman: Three petitions of citizens of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying for an appropriation to remove nuisances from the public grounds in said city: which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Hunt: The memorial of officers and students of Geneva college, in the State of New York, praying for a reduction of post-

age to a uniform rate, and for the abolishment of the franking privilege: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

And then, on motion of Mr. Ashmun, the House, at half past 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1848.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had examined enrolled bills and resolutions of the following titles:

S. No. 64. An act to authorize the settlement of the account of Joseph Nourse, deceased;

S. No. 26. A resolution authorizing the presentation to the government of France of a series of the standard weights and measures of the United States, and for other purposes;

S. No. 216. An act respecting certain surveys in the State of Florida;

H. R. No. 54. An act for the relief of William Ralston;

H. R. No. 44. An act for the relief of Thomas Scott, register of the land office at Chilicothe, Ohio, for services connected with his office;

H. R. No. 311. An act for the relief of Edna Hickman, wife of Alexander D. Peck;

H. R. No. 576. An act concerning the taking of official oaths in the District of Columbia;

H. R. No. 572. An act authorizing the issuing of a register to the schooner James;

H. R. No. 253. An act to change the name of the steamboat Charles Downing to the Calhoun;

H. R. No. 47. An act for the relief of Barclay & Livingston and Smith, Thurgar & Co.;

H. R. No. 26. An act for the relief of Russell Goss;

S. No. 30. A resolution to explain an act passed 24th June, 1848, entitled "An act for the relief of W. B. Slaughter, late secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin;"

and found the same correctly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolutions.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Machin, their Chief Clerk:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill of the House No. 394, making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, with amendments.

The Senate have been notified by the President of the United States that he did, on the 26th instant, approve and sign bills and a resolution of the following titles:

S. 49. An act for the relief of W. B. Slaughter, late secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin.

S. 7. An act to amend the act entitled "An act for the regulation of seamen on board the public and private vessels of the United States," passed the 3d March, 1813.

S. 1. A resolution in favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw the papers in the case of Sarah Dunham.

On motion of Mr. Stanton, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a collection district on that part of Tennessee which borders on the Mississippi river, with a port of entry at Memphis; and to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Meade, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Postmaster General communicate to this House, at as early a day as practicable, a statement showing the expenditures and receipts on account of the mail, in each State and Territory of this Union, for the last ten years, including the present fiscal year.

The House again resumed the consideration of the report made by Mr. Strohm, on the 31st of May last, from the Committee on Public Expenditures, and the resolutions accompanying the same, the question being on the amendment moved by Mr. Howell Cobb to the last of the said resolutions, by adding thereto the following:

"*And also, ten thousand copies of the views or report of the minority of said committee upon the same subject, to be printed with the report of the majority.*"

Upon which amendment the previous question was moved yesterday.

The House refused to second the demand for the previous question; and

The question was put on agreeing to the said amendment moved by Mr. Cobb,

And decided in the affirmative.

The question was then stated on agreeing to the said resolutions as thus amended; when

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved to amend the same, by inserting the following as the second of said resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Expenditures be instructed to make a thorough examination into the condition of the Treasury Department, and especially in relation to the treasury notes and loans under the acts of July 22, 1846, and January 28, 1847; and that said committee have leave to send for persons and papers, and to employ a clerk at the usual compensation."

The said amendment was read; when

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the amendment moved by Mr. Rockwell?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 138 / Nays ..... 37

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell

Mr. Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee

Mr. Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Lucien B. Chase
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
Rudolphus Dickinson
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries

Mr. Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
William Kennon, jr.
Thomas W. Ligon
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand

Mr. James J. McKay
John K. Miller
Isaac E. Morse
Samuel O. Peyton
Thomas Richey
William Sawyer
Robert Smith
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
William W. Wick.

So the said amendment was agreed to; and

The question was then put on agreeing to the said resolutions as amended,

And decided in the affirmative.

And so it was

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, required to transmit to this House, as soon as may be convenient, a statement of the duties, revenues, and public expenditures, during the last and the present fiscal years, ending June 30, 1848, exclusive of trust funds, according to the form of statement A, in the last annual report of the Secretary, specifying particularly, and keeping separate the stock issued for specie deposited and that issued in funding treasury notes; and noting what amount of said stock was issued under the act of July 22, 1846; what amount under the act of January 28, 1847; and what amount under acts prior to July 22, 1846, respectively.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Expenditures be instructed to make a thorough examination into the condition of the Treasury Department, and especially in relation to the treasury notes and loans under the acts of July 22, 1846, and January 28, 1847; and that said committee have leave to send for persons and papers, and to employ a clerk at the usual compensation.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, required to furnish this House with a statement of the public debt on the 30th day of June, 1848, and such other statements in reference to treasury notes, at the expiration of the present fiscal year, as is required by the twenty-second section of the act of January 28, 1847, entitled "An act authorizing the issue of treasury notes, a loan, and for other purposes," to be furnished at the commencement of each session.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Secretary of the Treasury, in making up his annual statements of the finances at the commencement of each session, to make those statements close at and embrace one period of time, so far as the circumstances of the case renders it practicable so to do.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to inquire into the expediency of printing ten thousand extra copies of the report of the Committee on Public Expenditures on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury; and also, ten thousand copies extra of the *views* or report of the minority of said committee upon the same subject, to be printed with the report of the majority.

On motion of Mr. Robert W. Johnson, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House is hereby authorized to pay, out of the contingent fund, to Mr. Deane, administrator of the estate of A. Yell, deceased, the amount of per diem and mileage which shall, upon examination, be found to have been due said Yell, as a member of the 29th Congress.

On motion of Mr. Cabell, the House proceeded to the consideration of the motion made by Mr. White, on the 24th instant, to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution providing for closing debate on Monday next upon the bill of the House No. 298, making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and for other purposes; when

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Tallmadge, it was

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the consideration of the bill (No. 340) to incorporate the Washington Gas Light Company.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; and the question was stated on ordering it to be engrossed: when

Mr. George W. Jones moved to amend the bill, by inserting the following additional section:

"*Be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to authorize the said Washington Gas Light Company to make, issue, or put in circulation any bill, draft, check, order, promissory note, change ticket, or any thing else, promising or agreeing to pay money, intended to circulate as money, or the tendency of which shall be to circulate as money or currency; and the violation of any of the provisions of this section, shall be a forfeiture of the charter herein granted, and a fine of fifty dollars against each of the directors voting for the same.

"SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That each of the stockholders in the Washington Gas Light Company shall be held liable in his or her individual capacity for all the debts and liabilities of the said company, however contracted or incurred; to be recovered by suit as other debts or liabilities, before the court or tribunal having jurisdiction of the case."

The said amendment was read and agreed to; and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill and a resolution of the House of the following titles, viz:

No. 203. An act for the relief of Jonathan Fitzwater;

No. 27. A joint resolution relative to evidence in applications for pensions;

severally, without amendment.

They have passed a bill and resolutions of the following titles:

No. 281. An act to revive an act authorizing certain soldiers in the late war with Great Britain to surrender the bounty lands drawn by them, and to locate others in lieu thereof;

No. 31. A resolution in relation to the naval pension of John McGarr;

No. 27. A resolution for the relief of such persons as may have incurred the disability of the 28th section of the "act to change the organization of the Post Office Department, and to provide more effectually for the settlement of the accounts thereof," approved July 2, 1836;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 54. An act for the relief of William Ralston.

H. R. No. 44. An act for the relief of Thomas Scott, register of the land office at Chillicothe, Ohio, for services connected with the duties of his office.

H. R. No. 311. An act for the relief of Edna Hickman, wife of Alexander D. Peck.

H. R. No. 576. An act concerning the taking of official oaths in the District of Columbia.

H. R. No. 572. An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the schooner James.

H. R. No. 253. An act to change the name of the steamboat Charles Downing to the Calhoun.

H. R. No. 47. An act for the relief of Barclay & Livingston and Smith, Thurgar, & Co.

H. R. No. 26. An act for the relief of Russell Goss.

S. No. 64. An act to authorize the settlement of the account of Joseph Nourse, deceased.

S. No. 26. A resolution authorizing the presentation to the government of France of a series of the standard weights and measures of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. No. 216. An act respecting certain surveys in the State of Florida.

S. No. 30. A resolution to explain an act passed 24th June, 1848, entitled "An act for the relief of W. B. Slaughter, late secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin."

Mr. Meade offered the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 290) to change the times for holding the district courts of the United States in the western district of Virginia, and for other purposes; and that the same be put upon its passage.

The House accordingly proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; which was read: when

Mr. George W. Jones moved to amend the bill by striking out the third section thereof, (as in the printed bill.)

And, after debate,

Mr. Dickey moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said amendment moved by Mr. Jones?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 118 / Nays ..... 39

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. John Blanchard | Mr. Albert G. Brown |
| Daniel M. Barringer | James B. Bowlin | Charles W. Cathcart |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | Jasper E. Brady | Lucien B. Chase |

Mr. Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
George Fries
Meredith P. Gentry
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill

Mr. Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Horace Mann
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William A. Newell
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton

Mr. John S. Phelps
James Pollock
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. George Ashmun
Richard L. T. Beale
Thomas S. Bocock
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
James J. Faran

Mr. John W. Farrelly
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Orlando Kellogg
James McDowell
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Isaac E. Morse
William Nelson

Mr. Henry Nes
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
Peter H. Sylvester
Alexander D. Sims
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Cornelius Warren.

So the said amendment was agreed to; and

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Meade moved that the vote on ordering the bill to be engrossed, be reconsidered.

Mr. Vinton moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to; and

The bill was then read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after

some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 298) making appropriations for civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th June, 1849, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Darling: The memorial of citizens of Ceresco, in the State of Wisconsin, remonstrating against granting any portion of the public lands for the construction of a railroad from Lake Michigan to Oregon: which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

By Mr. Grinnell: The memorial of seamen's preachers, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, remonstrating against the sale of the marine hospital at Chelsea, in said State: which was referred to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

By Mr. Tompkins: The memorial of James Casparis, praying for a lease of the vacant portion of the lot of the public ground directly south of the Capitol, for the purpose of building a hotel and restaurant, including public baths and reading room: which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

And then, on motion of Mr. Sidney Lawrence, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1848.

Mr. Hammons moved that the vote by which the House yesterday agreed to the resolution, introduced by Mr. Robert W. Johnson, providing that the Clerk of the House examine and pay whatever may be found due for per diem and mileage of Archibald Yell, deceased, a member of the last Congress, be reconsidered;

And, after debate,

Mr. Schenck moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Caleb B. Smith obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 581) to surrender to the State of Indiana the Cumberland road in said State: which bill was read a first and second time.

Mr. Ficklin moved to amend the bill, by inserting therein, after the word "Indiana," wherever it occurs, the word "*Illinois;*"

And, after debate,

Mr. Vinton moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined a joint resolution and bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 27. Joint resolutions relative to evidence in application for pensions;

H. R. No. 203. An act for the relief Jonathan Fitzwater;

H. R. No. 202. An act for the relief of the bona fide settlers under the acts for the armed occupation and settlement of a part of the Territory of Florida;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said joint resolutions and bills.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution, reported on the 20th instant by Mr. Daniel P. King, from the Committee on Accounts, providing for the erection of a monument in memory of John Quincy Adams:

The question being on the amendment thereto, moved by Mr. Andrew Johnson, providing that the Committee on Accounts report to this House the entire funeral expenses of the late Hon. John Quincy Adams, and the items composing the same;

And, after debate,

Mr. Woodward moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did, on the 27th instant, approve and sign a bill of the House of the following title, viz:

H. R. 180. An act to amend the act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes.

And that he did yesterday approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 576. An act concerning the taking of official oaths in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 572. An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the schooner "James."

H. R. 253. An act to change the name of the steamboat "Charles Downing" to "Calhoun."

H. R. 311. An act for the relief of Edna Hickman, wife of Alexander D. Peck.

H. R. 54. An act for the relief of William Ralston.

H. R. 26. An act for the relief of Russell Goss.

H. R. 47. An act for the relief of Barclay & Livingston, and Smith, Thurgar & Company.

H. R. 44. An act for the relief of Thomas Scott, register of the land office at Chillicothe, Ohio, for services rendered connected with the duties of his office.

By unanimous consent of the House, bills and resolutions of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 281. An act to revive an act authorizing certain soldiers in the late war with Great Britain to surrender the bounty lands drawn by them, and to locate other lands in lieu thereof;

No. 27. A resolution for the relief of such persons as may have incurred the disability of the twenty-eighth section of the "act to change the organization of the Post Office Department, and to provide more effectually for the settlement of the accounts thereof," approved July 2, 1836;

No. 56. An act to provide for a survey of the mouth of Red river, in the State of Louisiana;

No. 58. An act for the issuing of patents for lands in the State of Louisiana in a certain class of cases, and for other purposes;

No. 293. An act to vest the title of the United States in the purchasers of certain lands sold under execution against Gordon D. Boyd;

No. 13. A resolution for the relief of H. B. Gaither;

No. 230. An act to promote the despatch of business in the Supreme Court, and to repeal the second section of the act approved June 7, 1844, entitled "An act concerning the Supreme Court of the United States;"

No. 167. An act for the relief of Alfred White;

No. 165. An act for the relief of Stalker & Hill;

No. 163. An act to relinquish the reversionary interest of the United States in a certain Indian reservation in the State of Alabama;

No. 162. An act for the relief of George V. Mitchell;

No. 157. An act to confirm to the legal representatives of Joseph Dutaillis the location of a certain New Madrid certificate;

No. 161. An act for the relief of Samuel Grice;

No. 155. An act granting a pension to Bethiah Healy, widow of George Healy, deceased;

No. 154. An act for the relief of William B. Stokes;

No. 153. An act for the payment of Charles Richmond;

No. 142. An act for the relief of Benjamin Adams & Company, and others;

No. 16. A resolution to sanction an agreement made between the Wyandotts and Delawares for the purchase of certain lands by the former of the latter tribe of Indians;

were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 27. To the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

No. 56. To the Committee on Commerce.

No. 58. To the Committee on Private Land Claims.

No. 293. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 13. To the Committee on Indian Affairs.

No. 230. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 167. To the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

No. 165. To the Committee of Claims.

No. 163. To the Committee on Private Land Claims.

No. 162. To the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

No. 157. To the Committee on the Public Lands.

No. 161. To the Committee of Claims.

No. 155. To the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

No. 154. To the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

No. 153. To the Committee of Claims.

No. 142. To the Committee of Commerce.

No. 16. To the Committee on Indian Affairs.

No. 281. To the Committee on the Public Lands.

A resolution and a bill from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 31. A resolution in relation to the naval pension of John McGarr; and

No. 84. An act supplemental to the act passed on the 9th day of July, in the year 1846, entitled "An act to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia," were severally read a first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

And thereupon,

The said resolution and bill were severally read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The concurrent resolution from the Senate for placing in the Library of Congress the portrait of Major General the Baron de Kalb, presented by his surviving family, was read and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 350) entitled "An act supplemental to an act to confirm the survey and location of claims for lands in the State of Mississippi, east of the Pearl river and south of the 31st degree of north latitude, approved March 3, 1845, were read, and, together with the bill, referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 394) entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and, together with the bill, referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate (No. 246) entitled "An act renewing certain naval pensions for the term of five years, and extending the benefits of existing laws respecting naval pensions to engineers, firemen, and coalheavers in the navy, and to their widows: which bill was reported by Mr. White, on the 14th instant, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, with an amendment.

The question was stated on agreeing to the said amendment: when

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McKay, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Tallmadge: The memorial of John Frazee, praying payment of a balance due for his services as architect and superintendent of the building of the custom-house in the city of New York: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Job Mann: The petition of Robert Morrison, late a soldier in the army of the United States, praying for relief on account of his services in the last war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Chapman: The memorial of citizens of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying for an appropriation to remove nuisances from the public grounds: which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Cummins: The petition of G. W. Bell, of Oregon city, in the Territory of Oregon, praying for protection in the possession and enjoyment of his property in said city against John W. Laughlin, a subject of Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on the Territories.

By Mr. Schenck: Additional evidence in the case of the heirs of Lieutenant John Gregg, deceased: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

And then, on motion of Mr. Dickey, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty-five minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1848.

Mr. Vinton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the amendments of the Senate to the bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

No. 394. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849.

No. 136. An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1849, and for other purposes, reported the same.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 491) entitled "An act giving the consent of the government of the United States to the State of Texas to extend her eastern boundary so as to include within her limits one-half of Sabine pass, Sabine lake, and Sabine river, as far north as the 32d degree of north latitude, without amendment.

They have passed the bill of the House (No. 154) entitled "An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, with amendments; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have passed a resolution (No. 28) for the relief of Richard Fields; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States a resolution and bills of the following titles:

H. R. No. 27. Joint resolution relative to evidence in application for pensions.

H. R. No. 203. An act for the relief of Jonathan Fitzwater;

S. No. 202. An act for the relief of the bona fide settlers under the acts for the armed occupation and settlement of a part of the Territory of Florida.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills: which motion was disagreed to; and then,

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1849, and for other purposes, and had come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Clapp: The petition of citizens of Harpswell, Freeport, North Yarmouth, Cumberland, and Falmouth, in the State of Maine, praying for an appropriation for placing buoys in Casco bay, in said State: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Peaslee: The petition of James Norris, of the State of New Hampshire, late assistant surgeon in the service of the United States, praying for pecuniary relief, on account of loss of health while performing extraordinary service: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of the faculty of Georgetown college, in the District of Columbia, praying for the passage of an act authorizing them to import a telescope for the use of said institution free of duty: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

And then, on motion of Mr. Howell Cobb, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## SATURDAY, July 1, 1848.

By unanimous consent of the House, the Speaker laid before the House a resolution from the Senate (No. 28) for the relief of Richard Fields: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

No. 81. An act further to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office;

No. 109. An act for the relief of Stalker and Hill;

severally, without amendment.

They have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 171. An act for the relief of Charles M. Gibson;

No. 172. An act for the relief of D. A. Watterston;

No. 173. An act for the relief of Columbus Alexander and Theodore Barnard;

No. 175. An act for the relief of the heirs of Moses White;

No. 176. An act for the relief of the heirs of John Wall, deceased;

No. 179. An act for the relief of Mary Taylor;

No. 185. An act for the relief of James G. Carson;

No. 187. An act for the relief of David Wilkinson;

No. 189. An act for the relief of H. Fredieu, M. Vercher, C. Sanmiguel, P. N. Gagnon, V. Caubarreux, and F. Harbo, of Louisiana;

No. 195. An act for the relief of William W. Wynn;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 28th of June last, approve and sign bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 216. An act respecting certain surveys in the State of Florida.

S. No. 64. An act to authorize the settlement of the accounts of Joseph Nourse, deceased.

S. No. 30. A resolution to explain an act passed 24th June, 1848, entitled "An act for the relief of W. B. Slaughter, late secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin."

They have also passed bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

No. 340. An act to incorporate the Washington Gas Light Company;

No. 429. An act to amend an act entitled "An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes;' "

severally, with amendments, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

They have passed bills of the following titles:

No. 232. An act for the relief of Gamaliel Taylor, late marshal of the State of Indiana, and his securities;

No. 295. An act to allow subsistence to certain Arkansas and other volunteers, who have been prisoners of war in Mexico;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have passed an order requesting the House of Representatives to return to that body the bill of the Senate (No. 165) for the relief of Stalker and Hill, which I am directed to communicate to the House.

And then he withdrew.

Subsequently, by unanimous consent, on motion of Mr. Woodward, the House proceeded to the consideration of so much of the foregoing message as embraces the said bill (No. 165) for the relief of Stalker and Hill; when

The request of the Senate was agreed to by the House, and the bill was directed to be returned to the Senate.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Faran, by unanimous consent, the aforementioned amendments of the Senate to the said bill of the

House (No. 429) were ordered to be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House then resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill of the House No. 298, making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June 30, 1849, had come to no resolution thereon

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Ficklin: The petition of Mary Flowers, of Lawrence county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the passage of a law permitting her to purchase, at the government price, a portion of the 16th section of land, on which she resides: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of citizens of Kane and McHenry counties, in the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Dundee, in Kane county, to Marengo, in McHenry county: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

And then, on motion of Mr. Hunt, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until Monday, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## MONDAY, July 3, 1848.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 31. A resolution in relation to the naval pension of John McGarr;

S. No. 84. An act supplemental to the act passed on the 9th day of July, in the year 1846, entitled "An act to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia;

H. R. No. 81. An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office;

H. R. No. 109. An act for the relief of Stalker & Hill;

H. R. No. 491. An act giving the consent of the government of the United States to the State of Texas to extend her eastern boundary, so as to include within her limits one-half of Sabine pass, Sabine lake, and Sabine river, as far north as the 32d degree of north latitude; and found the said bills and resolution severally correctly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said resolution and bills.

On motion of Mr. Burt, (the rules being suspended for the purpose,) it was

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill (H. R. No. 93) to increase the efficiency of the regiments and corps of the army, and to provide for disabled and infirm officers.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, it was

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourts to-day, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next.

Mr. Collamer, *by unanimous consent*, introduced the following resolution, viz:

No. 32. Joint resolution disposing of two brass field pieces captured at the battle of Bennington in 1777: which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day;

And being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

Mr. Stanton moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to move that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 118) to enable and authorize the accounting officers of the treasury to audit and settle the accounts of certain acting officers therein mentioned: which motion was disagreed to, two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. Gaines,

*Resolved*, That the papers on file in relation to the claim of the legal representatives of William Vawters, deceased, be referred to the Secretary of War, that that claim may be settled under the act of Congress of the 5th July, 1832, if it is embraced by that law; and if not, that he may report to this House the facts of the case.

Mr. Fries moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the resolution terminating debate on bill (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June 30, 1849, and for other purposes, at 2 o'clock this 3d day of July, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. McIlvaine moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be directed to inquire into the expediency of printing ten thousand extra copies of the report of the Committee on Indian Affairs upon the subject of Indian territory west of the Mississippi river.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States resolution and bills of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 31. A resolution in relation to the naval pension of John McGarr;

S. No. 84. An act supplemental to the act passed on the 9th day of July, in the year 1846, entitled "An act to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia.

H. R. 81. An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office.

H. R. 109. An act for the relief of Stalker & Hill.

H. R. 491. An act giving the consent of the government of the United States to the State of Texas to extend her eastern boundary, so as to include within her limits one-half of Sabine pass, Sabine lake, and Sabine river, as far north as the 32d degree of north latitude.

On motion of Mr. Goggin, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June 30, 1849, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

That the committee had also had under consideration the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 394) entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th June, 1849, and had come to no resolution thereon.

By unanimous consent, the Speaker laid before the House the following communication; which was ordered to lie upon the table:

CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
*July* 3, 1848.

SIR: On a re-examination of the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Russell Goss," it appears that a clerical error exists in the enrolled bill, by omitting the words "be it enacted," at the commencement of the bill. These words are contained in the engrossed bill, and the Clerk, on being advised of the omission, has had the said bill truly enrolled, and examined by the committee for enrolled bills, so that the beneficiary of the bill may not be deprived of its benefits, if these words may be deemed essential to the efficacy of the bill. The foregoing statement will explain why the "bill" entitled "An act for the relief of Russell Goss," has been a second time reported for the signatures of the presiding officers of the two houses of Congress.

Very respectfully,

THO. J. CAMPBELL,
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

Hon. R. C. WINTHROP,
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

Thereupon,

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had again examined enrolled bill (No. 26) entitled "An act for the relief of Russell Goss," and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker again signed the said bill.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private Secretary, notifying that he did, on the 1st instant, approve and sign a joint resolution and bill of the following title, viz:

No. 27. A joint resolution relative to evidence in application for pensions.

No. 203. An act for the relief of Jonathan Fitzwater.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Cathcart: The petition of citizens of the State of Indiana, praying that the lake coast of said State be attached to the Chicago collection district.

By Mr. Maclay: The petition of William F. Martin, of the city and State of New York, praying indemnity for losses sustained by him in the seizure of the schooner Mary Ann by the authorities of the United States, on suspicion of said vessel being about to engage in the slave trade.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Collins: The petition of Camfield Averill, of St. Lawrence county, in the State of New York, praying for a pension on account of disabilities incurred in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain.

By Mr. Nelson: The petition of Daniel Bringman, praying for a pension on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred during the late war with Great Britain.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Mullin: The petition of citizens of Jefferson county, in the State of New York, praying for the abolition of the franking privilege, and the reduction of postage on letters to two cents each;

Also, the petition of citizens of Jefferson county, in the State of New York, praying for the establishment of a post route from Cape Vincent to French creek, in said county.

By Mr. Ashmun: The petition of citizens of Hampshire county, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for Congress to direct a survey of a route for a post road between the cities of New York and Philadelphia, the line of such road to be retained under the perpetual control of the government, and to be used for the construction of a railroad.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Thibodeaux: The petition of Godefroid Brand, of the State of Louisiana, praying for the return of moneys paid by him for

certain lands, and for certain costs incurred: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Job Mann: The petition of the heirs of Matthew Jack, deceased, late a captain in the 8th regiment Pennsylvania line in the revolutionary war, praying for the "commutation pay" to which the said deceased was entitled: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

And then, on motion of Mr. Ashmun, the House, at 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until Wednesday next, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## WEDNESDAY, July 5, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Cocke, by leave, it was,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of Senate bill (No. 62) amending the act entitled "An act granting half-pay to widows or orphans where their husbands and fathers have died of wounds received in the military service of the United States," in cases of deceased officers and soldiers of the militia and volunteers, passed July 4, 1836.

The House accordingly proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, the question being on the amendment thereto reported from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions: when,

On motion of Mr. Haralson, the said amendment was amended;

And the question was then put, Will the House agree to the said amendment as amended?

And decided in the affirmative, under the previous question, moved by Mr. Cocke.

The said amendment was then ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-day; and

The amendment being engrossed, the bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, under the previous question, moved by Mr. Cocke.

Mr. Cocke moved that the vote upon the passage of the said bill be reconsidered; and that his said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendments.

Mr. Bingham, by unanimous consent of the House, introduced a joint resolution (No. 33) to change the location of a light-house on Lake Superior, in the State of Michigan: which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The resolution being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Resolved*, That all debate on House bill No. 394, making appropriations for the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1849, shall cease in thirty minutes after the consideration

thereof shall be again resumed in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Henley, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 340) entitled "An act to incorporate the Washington Gas Light Company:" when

The said amendment was read, and concurred in.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, the House resumed the consideration of the report and resolutions accompanying the same, made by himself on the 23d June last, from the Committee on Commerce, upon the subject of the improvement of rivers and harbors by the general government, the memorial of the Chicago convention, and upon the veto message of the President of the United States at the present session upon the bill of the last session of Congress making appropriations for similar objects.

The question was stated on the said resolutions: when

Mr. Sims moved that the report and resolutions be laid upon the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 64 / Nays ..... 110

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Mr. Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Mr. James J. McKay
John K. Miller
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
James B. Bowlin
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
Mr. Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
Mr. John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran

Mr. John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Mr. William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
John Pettit
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Mr. Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James Wilson.

The said resolutions were then read as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That the constitution of the United States vests in Congress the power to appropriate money to open and improve harbors and remove obstructions from navigable rivers, in all cases where such improvements are necessary to the protection and facility of commerce with foreign nations, or the commerce among the States.

2. *Resolved*, That the interests of our national commerce, the common defence, and general welfare of the United States, require a judicious exercise of the foregoing power.

3. *Resolved*, That the reasons assigned by the President in his veto message of December 15, 1847, for his refusal to approve and sign the bill passed March 3, 1847, making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers, are deemed insufficient and unsatisfactory.

4. *Resolved*, That it would be inexpedient, and contrary to the principles of the constitution, to give the general consent of Congress, in advance of legislation by the States, to the imposition of tonnage duties by the several States, as a means of improving the ports and harbors at which such duties may be levied.

5. *Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on Commerce on the memorial of the Chicago convention, respecting harbor and river improvements, the President's message of December 15, 1847, on the same subject, and the bill referred to said committee in relation to tonnage duties, with the minority report on the same subject, be printed; and that the Committee on Printing be directed to inquire into the expediency of printing —— extra copies of said report.

Mr. Hunt moved to amend the *fourth* of the said resolutions, by striking out the words "*and contrary to the principles of the constitution;*"

And, after debate,

Mr. Hunt moved the previous question.

Mr. Rhett moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas,..... 78 / Nays,..... 101

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John R. J. Daniel
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris

Mr. Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Charles H. Peaslee

Mr. Lucius B. Peck
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer

Mr. George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard

Mr. Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell

Mr. John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester

Mr. John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson

Mr. John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James Wilson.

The previous question, moved by Mr. Hunt, was then seconded and put, viz: "Shall the main question be now put?"

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 100 / Nays ..... 77

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy

Mr. John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes

Mr. William A. Newell
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark

Mr. Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson

Mr. Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm

Mr. John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Mr. Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Mr. Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

The main question was then put, *first*, Will the House agree to the said amendment to the *fourth* resolution, by striking out the words "and contrary to the principles of the constitution?"

And decided in the affirmative.

The question recurred on the resolutions: when

Mr. James Thompson demanded a division of the question, so as to take the same separately upon each resolution;

And the same being divided,

The question was put, Will the House agree to the said first resolution as reported by the committee?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 128 / Nays ..... 59

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
James B. Bowlin
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Mr. Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Shepherd Leffler
Mr. Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
Horace Mann
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester

Mr. John I Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
David A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
Mr. Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Mr. Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Mr. John K. Miller
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the said *first* resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Turner moved that the vote on agreeing to the said resolution be reconsidered; which was stated: when,

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June 30, 1849, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions and memorials were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Goggin: The memorial of physicians and other citizens of Rockbridge county, in the State of Virginia, praying that all imported articles intended for medical use shall be subject to competent inspection: which was laid on the table.

By Mr. D. P. King: The memorial of citizens of Suffolk county, in the State of Massachusetts, remonstrating against the removal of the marine hospital in Chelsea: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Atkinson: The petition of Thomas G. Clinton, one of the assistant examiners of the Patent Office, praying for an investigation into the official conduct of the Commissioner of Patents.

By Mr. Inge: The petition of citizens of the State of Alabama, praying for a modification of the laws in relation to granting copyrights and patents.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. William T. Lawrence: Three petitions of citizens of Chemung and Tompkins counties, in the State of New York, praying for the discontinuance of mail route No. 1,091, and the establishment of a new route from Elmira, in Chemung county, to Ithaca, in Tompkins county.

By Mr. Willard P. Hall: The petition of citizens of Daviess county, in the State of Missouri, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Gallatin to John Osborn's, in said county.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

And then, on motion of Mr. Sawyer, the House, at half past 3 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1848.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb moved, by unanimous consent of the House, that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill of the House No. 257, to amend an act approved the 24th day of May, 1824, entitled "An act supplementary to an act approved on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, entitled 'An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices:'" which motion was agreed to.

And thereupon,

The bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

And the bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Preston, by leave, from the Committee on the Library, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 114) entitled "An act authorizing the purchase of the papers of Alexander Hamilton," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of Union.

The following petitions and memorials were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The memorial of citizens of Alleghany county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the abolishment of the franking privilege, and a reduction of postage on letters to two cents each; and the same proportion on newspapers.

By Mr. Wilson: Two petitions of citizens of the State of New Hampshire, of similar import with the foregoing.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. McLane: The memorial of Henry Leef, of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying indemnity for the loss and damage he sustained by the illegal seizure of his vessel, the Mary Teresa,

by Alexander H. Tyler, consul at Bahia: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. ————: The petition of Joel Post, of the State of Iowa, praying for a grant of land in the late Winnebago reservation: which was referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. Butler: The petition of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the Mount Vernon estate be purchased by the general government: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 154) entitled "An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849," together with the said bill, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did yesterday approve and sign bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

No. 491. An act giving the consent of the government of the United States to the State of Texas to extend her eastern boundary, so as to include within her limits one-half of Sabine pass, Sabine lake, and Sabine river, as far north as the thirty-second degree of north latitude.

No. 81. An act further to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office.

No. 109. An act for the relief of Stalker and Hill.

A message in writing was also received from the President, which was delivered in at the Speaker's table.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, the House resumed the consideration of the motion made yesterday by Mr. Turner, to *reconsider* the vote on agreeing to the first of the resolutions accompanying the report made by Mr. Hunt on the 23d of June last, from the Committee on Commerce, upon the subject of the improvement of rivers and harbors by the general government, the memorial of the Chicago convention, and upon the veto message of the President of the United States at the present session upon the bill of the *last session*, making appropriations for similar objects—(the said motion to reconsider was pending yesterday, when the House passed to other business.)

Mr. Caleb B. Smith raised the question of order, that the previous question having been ordered on all of the said resolutions, the motion to reconsider the first of said resolutions, which Mr. Turner was proceeding to debate, was not, therefore, debateable.

The Speaker decided that it was now too late to raise the point of order, the same having been overruled yesterday, and the debate having proceeded under that decision.

From this decision Mr. Smith appealed.

And the question being stated, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

It was decided in the affirmative.

And, after debate,

Mr. Wentworth moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the *amendments of the Senate* to the bill of the House (No. 394) entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849," had agreed to the said amendments, and directed him to report the same to the House.

Also, that the committee had had under consideration the *amendments of the Senate* to the bill of the House (No. 136) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1849, and for other purposes, and had come to no resolution thereon.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the said bill, (H. R. No. 394,) when the first of the said amendments was read and agreed to; and

The second, and only remaining amendment, was then read as follows:

"For transportation of the mails between Charleston, South Carolina, and Havana, by way of Key West, calling at Savannah, under the contract made with M. C. Mordecai, fifty thousand dollars; and for transportation of the mail by said line, or by other steamers, to other places on the coast of Florida, as the Postmaster General may deem practicable and expedient, five thousand dollars."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 82 / Nays ..... 51

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Richard S. Donnell
Mr. William Duer
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
David Fisher
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
William L. Goggin
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Mr. Washington Hunt
Alfred Iverson
Robert W. Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
George P. Marsh
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
David Outlaw
John Pettit
James Pollock
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
Julius Rockwell

Mr. John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Mr. Ephraim K. Smart
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
John L. Taylor
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
Mr. Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Kingsley S. Bingham
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Joshua R. Giddings
James S. Green
Mr. Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Samson W. Harris
George S. Houston
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Mr. Joseph Mullin
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Benjamin B. Thurston
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot.

Mr. Vinton moved that the last named vote be reconsidered, and that the said motion be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, moved that the *bill of the House* (No. 340) entitled "An act to incorporate the Washington Gas Light Company" be amended, by changing the name of "*N.* P. Callan" to "*M.* P. Callan:" which motion was unanimously agreed to by the House, and the bill amended accordingly.

And thereupon,

Mr. Hampton reported that the said committee had examined the said bill No. 340, and found it truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Mr. Abbott moved, at 3 o'clock and twenty-five minutes, that the House adjourn: which motion was decided in the negative.

The message from the President of the United States, this day received, was read, and is as follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:*

I lay before Congress copies of a treaty of peace, friendship, limits, and settlement, between the United States and the Mexican republic, the ratifications of which were duly exchanged at the city of Queretaro, in Mexico, on the 30th day of May, 1848.

The war in which our country was reluctantly involved, in the necessary vindication of the national rights and honor, has been thus terminated, and I congratulate Congress, and our common constituents, upon the restoration of an honorable peace.

The extensive and valuable territories ceded by Mexico to the United States constitute indemnity for the past, and the brilliant achievements and signal successes of our arms will be a guaranty of security for the future, by convincing all nations that our rights

must be respected. The results of the war with Mexico have given to the United States a national character abroad which our country never before enjoyed. Our power and our resources have become known, and are respected throughout the world, and we shall probably be saved from the necessity of engaging in another foreign war for a long series of years. It is a subject of congratulation that we have passed through a war of more than two year's duration, with the business of the country uninterrupted, with our resources unexhausted, and the public credit unimpaired.

I communicate for the information of Congress the accompanying documents and correspondence relating to the negotiation and ratification of the treaty.

Before the treaty can be fully executed on the part of the United States, legislation will be required.

It will be proper to make the necessary appropriations for the payment of the twelve millions of dollars, stipulated by the twelfth article, to be paid to Mexico in four equal annual instalments. Three millions of dollars were appropriated by the act of March 3, 1847, and that sum was paid to the Mexican government after the exchange of the ratifications of the treaty.

The fifth article of the treaty provides that, "in order to designate the boundary line with due precision upon authoritative maps, and to establish, upon the ground, land marks which shall show the limits of both republics, as described in the present article, the two governments shall each appoint a commissioner and a surveyor, who, before the expiration of one year from the date of the exchange of ratifications of this treaty, shall meet at the port of San Diego, and proceed to run and mark the said boundary in its whole course to the mouth of the Rio Bravo del Norte."

It will be necessary that provision should be made by law for the appointment of a commissioner and surveyor, on the part of the United States, to act in conjunction with a commissioner and surveyor appointed by Mexico, in executing the stipulations of this article.

It will be proper, also, to provide by law for the appointment of a "board of commissioners" to adjudicate and decide upon all claims of our citizens against the Mexican government, which by the treaty have been assumed by the United States.

New Mexico and Upper California have been ceded by Mexico to the United States, and now constitute a part of our country. Embracing nearly ten degrees of latitude, lying adjacent to the Oregon territory, and extending from the Pacific ocean to the Rio Grande, a mean distance of nearly a thousand miles, it would be difficult to estimate the value of these possessions to the United States. They constitute of themselves a country large enough for a great empire, and their acquisition is second only in importance to that of Louisiana in 1803. Rich in mineral and agricultural resources, with a climate of great salubrity, they embrace the most important ports on the whole Pacific coast of the continent of North America. The possession of the ports of San Diego and Monterey and the bay of San Francisco, will enable the United States to command

the already valuable and rapidly increasing commerce of the Pacific. The number of our whale ships alone now employed in that sea exceeds seven hundred, requiring more than twenty thousand seamen to navigate them, while the capital invested in this particular branch of commerce is estimated at not less than forty millions of dollars. The excellent harbors of Upper California will, under our flag, afford security and repose to our commercial marine, and American mechanics will soon furnish ready means of ship-building and repair, which are now so much wanted in that distant sea.

By the acquisition of these possessions, we are brought into immediate proximity with the west coast of America, from Cape Horn to the Russian possessions north of Oregon, with the islands of the Pacific ocean, and by a direct voyage in steamers we will be in less than thirty days of Canton and other ports of China.

In this vast region, whose rich resources are soon to be developed by American energy and enterprise, great must be the augmentation of our commerce, and with it new and profitable demands for mechanic labor in all its branches, and new and valuable markets for our manufactures and agricultural products.

While the war has been conducted with great humanity and forbearance, and with complete success on our part, the peace has been concluded on terms the most liberal and magnanimous to Mexico. In her hands the territories now ceded had remained, and it is believed would have continued to remain almost unoccupied and of little value to her or to any other nation, whilst, as a part of our Union, they will be productive of vast benefits to the United States, to the commercial world, and the general interests of mankind.

The immediate establishment of territorial governments, and the extension of our laws over these valuable possessions, are deemed to be not only important, but indispensable to preserve order, and the due administration of justice within their limits; to afford protection to the inhabitants, and to facilitate the development of the vast resources and wealth which their acquisition has added to our country.

The war with Mexico having terminated, the power of the Executive to establish, or to continue temporary civil governments over these territories, which existed under the laws of nations, whilst they were regarded as conquered provinces, in our military occupation, has ceased. By their cession to the United States, Mexico has no longer any power over them, and, until Congress shall act, the inhabitants will be without any organized government. Should they be left in this condition, confusion and anarchy will be likely to prevail.

Foreign commerce, to a considerable amount, is now carried on in the ports of Upper California, which will require to be regulated by our laws. As soon as our system shall be extended over this commerce, a revenue of considerable amount will be at once collected, and it is not doubted that it will be annually increased. For these, and other obvious reasons, I deem it to be my duty,

earnestly to recommend the action of Congress on the subject a the present session.

In organizing governments over these territories, fraught with such vast advantages to every portion of our Union, I invoke that spirit of concession, conciliation, and compromise in your deliberations, in which the constitution was framed, in which it should be administered, and which is so indispensable to preserve and perpetuate the harmony and union of the States. We should never forget that this union of confederated States was established and cemented by kindred blood, and by the common toils, sufferings, dangers, and triumphs of all its parts, and has been the ever augmenting source of our national greatness and of all our blessings.

There has, perhaps, been no period, since the warning so impressively given to his countrymen by Washington, to guard against geographical divisions and sectional parties, which appeals with greater force than the present, to the patriotic, sober minded, and reflecting of all parties, and of all sections of our country. Who can calculate the value of our glorious Union? It is a model and example of free government to all the world, and is the star of hope and haven of rest to the oppressed of every clime. By its preservation we have been rapidly advanced, as a nation, to a height of strength, power, and happiness, without a parallel in the history of the world. As we extend its blessings over new regions, shall we be so unwise as to endanger its existence by geographical divisions and dissentions?

With a view to encourage the early settlement of these distant possessions, I recommend that liberal grants of the public lands be secured to all our citizens who have settled, or may in a limited period settle, within their limits.

In execution of the provisions of the treaty, orders have been issued to our military and naval forces to evacuate without delay the Mexican provinces, cities, towns, and fortified places in our military occupation, and which are not embraced in the territories ceded to the United States. The army is already on its way to the United States. That portion of it, as well regulars as volunteers, who engaged to serve during the war with Mexico, will be discharged as soon as they can be transported or marched to convenient points in the vicinity of their homes. A part of the regular army will be employed in New Mexico and Upper California, to afford protection to the inhabitants and to guard our interests in these territories.

The old army, as it existed before the commencement of the war with Mexico, especially if authority be given to fill up the rank and file of the several corps to the maximum number authorized during the war, it is believed will be a sufficient force to be retained in service during a period of peace. A few additional officers, in the line and staff of the army, have been authorized, and these, it is believed, will be necessary in the peace establishment, and should be retained in the service. The number of the general

officers may be reduced, as vacancies occur by the casualties of the service, to what it was before the war.

While the people of other countries, who live under forms of government less free than our own, have been for ages oppressed by taxation, to support large standing armies in periods of peace, our experience has shown that such establishments are unnecessary in a republic. Our standing army is to be found in the bosom of society. It is composed of free citizens, who are ever ready to take up arms in the service of their country when an emergency requires it. Our experience in the war just closed fully confirms the opinion that such an army may be raised upon a few week's notice, and that our citizen soldiers are equal to any troops in the world. No reason, therefore, is perceived why we should enlarge our land forces and thereby subject the treasury to an annual increased charge. Sound policy requires that we should avoid the creation of a large standing army in a period of peace. No public exigency requires it. Such armies are not only expensive and unnecessary, but may become dangerous to liberty.

Besides making the necessary legislative provisions for the execution of the treaty, and the establishment of territorial governments in the ceded country, we have, upon the restoration of peace, other important duties to perform. Among these I regard none as more important than the adoption of proper measures for the speedy extinguishment of the national debt. It is against sound policy and the genius of our institutions, that a public debt should be permitted to exist a day longer than the means of the treasury will enable the government to pay it off. We should adhere to the wise policy laid down by President Washington, of "avoiding the accumulation of debt, not only by shunning occasions of expense, but by vigorous exertions in time of peace, to discharge the debts which unavoidable wars have occasioned, not ungenerously throwing upon posterity the burden we ourselves ought to bear."

At the commencement of the present administration, the public debt amounted to seventeen millions seven hundred and eighty-eight thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty-two cents. In consequence of the war with Mexico, it has been necessarily increased, and now amounts to sixty-five millions seven hundred and seventy eight thousand four hundred and fifty dollars and forty-one cents, including the stock and treasury notes which may yet be issued under the act of January 28, 1847, and the sixteen million loan recently negotiated, under the act of March 31, 1848.

In addition to the amount of the debt, the treaty stipulates that twelve millions of dollars shall be paid to Mexico, in four equal annual instalments of three millions each, the first of which will fall due on the 30th day of May, 1849. The treaty also stipulates that the United States shall "assume and pay" to our own citizens "the claims already liquidated and decided against the Mexican republic," and "all claims not heretofore decided against the Mexican government," "to an amount not exceeding three and a quarter millions of dollars." The "liquidated" claims of citizens of the United States against Mexico, as decided by the joint board of

commissioners under the convention between the United States and Mexico, of the 11th of April, 1839, amounted to two millions and twenty-six thousand one hundred and thirty-nine dollars and sixty-eight cents. This sum was payable in twenty equal annual instalments. Three of them have been paid to the claimants by the Mexican government, and two by the United States—leaving to be paid of the principal of the liquidated amount assumed by the United States the sum of one million five hundred and nineteen thousand six hundred and four dollars and seventy-six cents, together with the interest thereon. These several amounts of "liquidated" and unliquidated claims assumed by the United States, it is believed, may be paid as they fall due, out of the accruing revenue, without the issue of stock or the creation of any additional public debt.

I cannot too strongly recommend to Congress the importance of husbanding all our national resources, of limiting the public expenditures to necessary objects, and of applying all the surplus at any time in the treasury to the redemption of the debt. I recommend that authority be vested in the Executive by law to anticipate the period of reimbursement of such portion of the debt as may not be now redeemable, and to purchase it at par, or at the premium which it may command in the market, in all cases in which that authority has not already been granted. A premium has been obtained by the government on much the larger portion of the loans; and if, when the government becomes a purchaser of its own stock, it shall command a premium in the market, it will be sound policy to pay it, rather than to pay the semi-annual interest upon it. The interest upon the debt, if the outstanding treasury notes shall be funded, from the end of the last fiscal year until it shall fall due and be redeemable, will be very nearly equal to the principal, which must itself be ultimately paid.

Without changing or modifying the present tariff of duties, so great has been the increase of our commerce under its benign operation, that the revenue derived from that source, and from the sales of the public lands, will, it is confidently believed, enable the government to discharge annually several millions of the debt, and at the same time possess the means of meeting necessary appropriations for all other proper objects. Unless Congress shall authorize largely increased expenditures, for objects not of absolute necessity, the whole public debt existing before the Mexican war, and that created during its continuance, may be paid off without any increase of taxation on the people long before it fall due.

Upon the restoration of peace, we should adopt a policy suited to a state of peace. In doing this, the earliest practicable payment of the public debt should be a cardinal principle of action. Profiting by the experience of the past, we should avoid the errors into which the country was betrayed shortly after the close of the war with Great Britain in 1815. In a few years after that period, a broad and latitudinous construction of the powers of the federal government, unfortunately received but too much countenance. Though the country was burdened with a heavy public debt, large, and in some instances unnecessary and extravagant expen-

ditures were authorized by Congress. The consequence was, that the payment of the debt was postponed for more than twenty years; and, even then, it was only accomplished by the stern will and unbending policy of President Jackson, who made its payment a leading measure of his administration. He resisted the attempts which were made to divert the public money from that great object, and apply it in wasteful and extravagant expenditures for other objects; some of them of more than doubtful constitutional authority and expediency.

If the government of the United States shall observe a proper economy in its expenditures, and be confined in its action to the conduct of our foreign relations, and to the few general objects of its care enumerated in the Constitution, leaving all municipal and local legislation to the States, our greatness as a nation, in moral and physical power, and in wealth and resources, cannot be calculated.

By pursuing this policy, oppressive measures operating unequally and unjustly upon sections and classes, will be avoided, and the people, having no cause of complaint, will pursue their own interests, under the blessings of equal laws and the protection of a just and paternal government. By abstaining from the exercise of all powers not clearly conferred, the current of our glorious Union, now numbering thirty States, will be strengthened as we grow in age, and increase in population, and our future destiny will be without a parallel or example in the history of nations.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *July* 6, 1848.

Mr. Burt moved that the said message be printed, and that so much as relates to provisions of the treaty requiring appropriations in money, and also so much as relates to authority to purchase United States stock, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

That so much as relates to the army be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; and

That so much as relates to the establishment of territorial governments be referred to the Committee on Territories.

And, after debate,

Mr. James Thompson moved the previous question.

Mr. Vinton moved, at a quarter to four o'clock, that the House adjourn: which motion was agreed to.

And the House accordingly adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1848.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles:

No. 26. An act for the relief of Russell Goss.

No. 340. An act to incorporate the Washington Gas Light Company.

Mr. Fulton, by unanimous consent, moved that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the

consideration of the bill from the Senate (No. 124) to extend the provisions of existing pension laws to the enlisted men of the ordnance corps of the United States army: which motion was agreed to; and

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; when the amendment thereto reported from the Committee on Invalid Pensions was read and agreed to; and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time today.

And being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Burt, by leave, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (No. 582) to provide for the payment of the companies of Captains Bush, Price, and Suarez, for military services in Florida, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed, with the accompanying papers.

M. Botts, by leave, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 429) entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes,'' " reported that the committee had agreed to the said amendments, with amendments thereto.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments; when

A motion was then made by Mr. George W. Jones, that the said amendments and the bill No. 429 be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And, after debate,

A motion was made by Mr. John A. Rockwell that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills: which motion was disagreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill and resolutions of the House of the following titles, viz:

No. 114. An act to establish the collection district of Brunswick, in the State of Georgia;

No. 33. Joint resolution to change the location of a light-house on Lake Superior, in the State of Michigan;

No. 32. Joint resolution disposing of two brass field pieces captured at the battle of Bennington, in 1777;

severally, without amendment.

The Senate have passed a resolution (No. 24) in reference to the next census, and a bill (No. 308) entitled "An act concerning the pay department of the army," in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did on the 1st instant approve and sign a resolution (No. 26)

authorizing the presentation to the government of France of a series of the standard weights and measures of the United States, and for other purposes; also,

No. 202. An act for the relief of the bona fide settlers under the acts for the armed occupation of a part of the Territory of Florida; and

That he did, on the 5th instant, approve and sign a bill (No. 84) entitled "An act supplemental to the act passed on the ninth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, entitled 'An act to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia;" and

No. 31. A resolution in relation to the naval pension of John McGarr.

And then the Secretary withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Vinton the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 136) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending the 30th June, 1849, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Resolved*, That all debate on the amendments of the Senate to the said bill No. 136 shall cease in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union in one hour after the consideration of the same shall be again resumed in said committee, and that the committee shall then proceed to vote on the said amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills and resolutions of the following titles, viz:

No. 32. Joint resolution disposing of two brass field pieces captured at the battle of Bennington, in 1777;

No. 33. Joint resolution to change the location of a light-house on Lake Superior, in the State of Michigan;

No. 394. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1849;

No. 114. An act to re-establish the collection district of Brunswick, in the State of Georgia;

and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said resolutions and bills.

On motion by Mr. Palfrey,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw the memorial of Alexander Everett.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Lynde: The memorial of citizens of Rochester, in the State of Wisconsin, praying for the passage of a law prohibiting

the acquisition of territory, except upon the condition that slavery shall not exist in it: which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. McLane: The petition of N. Rogers & Co., praying for a register for the barque Mary Teresa.

By Mr. Lynde: The petition of citizens of Rochester, in the State of Wisconsin, praying for the passage of a law prohibiting the acquisition of territory, except upon the condition of its being free from slavery.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Palfrey: The petition of citizens of the State of Massachusetts, praying for a reduction of postage to two cents, pre-paid, on letters, a proportionate reduction on newspapers, and the abolishment of the franking privilege: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Lynde: The memorial of citizens of Rochester, in the State of Wisconsin, praying for the passage of a law prohibiting slavery in the District of Columbia: which was referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia;

Also, the petition of citizens of Rochester, in the State of Wisconsin, praying for a repeal of the law of 1793 in relation to fugitive slaves;

Also, the petition of citizens of Rochester, in the State of Wisconsin, praying for the passage of a law providing for the emancipation of Eliza Herbert and Caroline, her daughter, who were sold to satisfy a judgment in favor of the United States.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty-five minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Botts,

*Ordered*, That the bill of the House (No. 429) entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes,'' " with the amendments of the Senate thereto, be referred back to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Printing, to which was referred a resolution relative to printing ten thousand copies extra of report No. 732, from the Committee on Public Lands, in relation to the graduation, reduction, and disposition of the public lands, reported the following resolution; which was read and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That ten thousand copies extra of said report be printed.

Mr. Conger, from the same committee, to which was referred the resolution relative to printing ten thousand copies extra of the report of the majority and minority of the Committee on Public Ex-

penditures, upon the subject of the "report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of the finances," reported the following resolution; which was read and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That extra copies of neither of said reports be printed.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he has approved and signed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 340. An act to incorporate the Washington Gas Light Company.

No. 000. An act for the relief of Russell Goss.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 190. An act for the payment of the fourth regiment in the second brigade of the third division of the Vermont militia, for services at the battle of Plattsburg;

No. 305. An act to extend an act entitled "An act providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the several States and Territories," approved 3d August, 1846;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have agreed to the amendment of the House to the bill of the Senate No. 124, to extend the provisions of existing pension laws to enlisted men of the ordnance corps of the United States army.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills: which motion was disagreed to.

And thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the *amendments of the Senate* to the bill of the House (No. 136) entitled "An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and for other purposes," had directed him to report that the committee had amended one of the said amendments, agreed to some, and disagreed to others.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments of the Senate; when

Mr. Vinton moved to amend the same as follows:

Strike out *all* of the fifteenth and sixteenth amendments of the Senate after the word "*Indians*," where it first occurs, in the fifteenth amendment, numbered as section 3, and insert the following:

"Who had their residence east of the Mississippi at the date of the ratification of the treaty of New Echota, of May 23, 1836, and who have not removed west of the Mississippi, or received the commutation for removal and subsistence, and report the same to the

Secretary of the Treasury; whereupon it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the treasury, to the credit of said Indians, out of the unexpended balance of the Cherokee fund, under said treaty, a sum equal to fifty-three dollars and thirty-three cents for each individual ascertained as aforesaid; upon which amount interest shall be allowed, at the rate of six per centum per annum, from the date of said deposite.

"SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever, hereafter, any individual or individuals of said Cherokee Indians shall desire to remove and join the tribe west of the Mississippi, then the Secretary of War shall be authorized to withdraw from said money, so deposited as aforesaid, so much thereof as may be necessary for the removal and subsistence of such individual or individuals, or families, as may go west of the Mississippi, and to disburse the same, so that the money withdrawn as aforesaid do not exceed the sum of fifty-three dollars and thirty-three cents, and the interest due thereon, for each person removing as aforesaid; and the remainder of said per capita, if any, and the interest due thereon, shall be paid to each of said individuals so removed, after deducting the costs of such removal and subsistence. And the Secretary of War is further authorized to pay the said sum of fifty-three dollars and thirty-three cents, in money, to any of the said Indians who shall prefer to remove him or herself, on his or her arrival in the Indian country west of the Mississippi river."

Mr. Vinton moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and the first thirteen of the said amendments of the Senate were then read and agreed to.

The 14th amendment of the Senate was then read, viz: Strike out the 3d section of the bill, (as engrossed,) which section is as follows:

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That for the Indians east of the Rocky mountains, there shall be two superintendants of Indian affairs, with a compensation each of one thousand six hundred dollars per annum; to have the general superintendence, under the direction of the Secretary of War and Commissioner of Indian Affairs, of such tribes as the President of the United States may deem proper, and whose duties and powers shall be those defined in the third section of the act of June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, providing for the organization of the department of Indian affairs; and the organization prescribed by that act shall be further so modified that the number of agents shall not exceed nine, and the number of sub-agents six, for all the Indians east of the Rocky mountains except the Indians of Texas; to be assigned to the charge of such tribes as the Secretary of War, with the approbation of the President, may prescribe; whose compensation, each, shall be twelve hundred dollars for the agents, and for the sub-agents eight hundred dollars per annum; and whose powers and duties shall be those defined and prescribed by the said act of June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and thirty-four: *Provided*, That whenever the position of any of the tribes, or our relations with them, may become so changed as to require it, the President of the United

States may so far exercise the power conferred by the fifth section of the above mentioned act, as to appoint such additional sub-agents, at the salary herein prescribed, as may be actually necessary.

And the question was put, Will the House *concur with the Senate* in the said amendment?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 61 / Nays ..... 110

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Henry Bedinger
James B. Bowlin
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Winfield S. Featherston
John Gayle
James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
Mr. Nathan K. Hall
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Robert W. Johnson
Samuel Lahm
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Richard K. Meade
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
Mr. John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
William Sawyer
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
John Van Dyke
John Wentworth
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
William G. Brown
Chester Butler
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
Mr. Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
John Freedley
George Fries
John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
Mr. Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sere
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam

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| Mr. Gideon Reynolds | Mr. Truman Smith | Mr. Abraham W. Venable |
| John A. Rockwell | George A. Starkweather | Samuel F. Vinton |
| J. Dixon Roman | Alexander H. Stephens | Daniel Wallace |
| Joseph M. Root | Charles E. Stuart | Cornelius Warren |
| David Ramsey, jr. | John Strohm | Hugh White |
| Robert C. Schenck | James H. Thomas | James S. Wiley |
| Alexander D. Sims | Benjamin B. Thurston | Hezekiah Williams. |
| Ephraim K. Smart | Robert Toombs | |

The 15th and 16th amendments of the Senate were then read, as follows: add the following as the 3d and 4th sections:

15. SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of War cause to be ascertained the number and names of such individuals and families, including each member of every family of the Cherokee nation of Indians that remained in the State of North Carolina at the time of the ratification of the treaty of New Echota, May twenty-three, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, and who have not removed west of the Mississippi, or received the commutation for removal and subsistence, and report the same to the Secretary of the Treasury; whereupon the Secretary of the Treasury shall set apart, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to fifty-three dollars and thirty-three cents for each individual ascertained as aforesaid; and that he cause to be paid to every such individual, or his or her legal representative, interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum on such per capita, from the said twenty-third day of May, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, to the time of the passage of this act, and continue annually thereafter said payment of interest at the rate aforesaid.

16. SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever, hereafter, any individual or individuals of said Cherokee Indians shall desire to remove and join the tribe west of the Mississippi, then the Secretary of War shall be authorized to withdraw from the fund set apart as aforesaid the sum of fifty-three dollars and thirty-three cents, and the interest due and unpaid thereon, and apply the same, or such part thereof as shall be necessary, to the removal and subsistence of such individual or individuals, and pay the remainder, if any, or the whole, if the said Indians, or any of them, shall prefer to remove themselves, to such individuals or heads of families, upon their removal west of the Mississippi: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall prevent Congress, on a final settlement of the questions arising under the treaty of New Echota, from charging the sums herein required to be funded or paid for the benefit of the Cherokees of North Carolina, or any part thereof, to the Cherokee fund under that treaty, if Congress shall find it just and proper to do so.

The amendment thereto reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, (striking out the proviso in the last foregoing section,) was then agreed to; and

The amendment heretofore offered by Mr. Vinton to the said 15th and 16th amendments of the Senate, was then read.

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 76 / Nays ..... 95

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Mr. Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
Mr. John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Henry W. Hilliard
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Mr. Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

The question recurred on concurring with the Senate in their said 15th and 16th amendments.

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 94 / Nays ..... 71

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
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George G. Dunn
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John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Mr. William L. Goggin
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Irverson
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
John W. Jones
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T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Mr. Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
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Joseph M. Root
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Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Richard Brodhead
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Charles W. Cathcart
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William Collins
Mason C. Darling
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Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
James S. Green
Mr. Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Mr. Job Mann
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Phelps
R. Barnwell Rhett
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

The 17th and last of the said amendments of the Senate were then read, and agreed to; when

Mr. Clingman moved that the vote on the 15th and 16th of the said amendments be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; which was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate of the action of the House upon the said amendments, and request their concurrence in the amendment of the House to the said amendments of the Senate.

By unanimous consent of the House, bills and a resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

No. 232. An act for the relief of Gamaliel Taylor, late marshal of the State of Indiana, and his securities;

No. 195. An act for the relief of William W. Wynn;

No. 187. An act for the relief of David Wilkinson;

No. 189. An act for the relief of H. Fredieu, M. Vercher, C. Sanmiguel, P. N. Gagnon, V. Carbarraux, and F. Harbo, of Louisiana;

No. 179. An act for the relief of Mary Taylor;

No. 176. An act for the relief of the heirs of John Wall, deceased;

No. 175. An act for the relief of the heirs of Moses White;

No. 173. An act for the relief of Columbus Alexander and Theodore Barnard;

No. 172. An act for the relief of D. A. Watterston;

No. 171. An act for the relief of Charles M. Gibson;

No. 185. An act for the relief of James G. Carson;

No. 308. An act concerning the pay department of the army;

No. 190. An act for the payment of the 4th regiment in the 2d brigade of the 3d division of the Vermont militia, for services at the battle of Plattsburg;

No. 295. An act to allow subsistence to certain Arkansas and other volunteers who have been prisoners of war in Mexico;

No. 24. A resolution in reference to the next census—

were severally read a first and second time, and referred as follows:

No. 232. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 195. To the Committee on Public Lands.

No. 187. To the Committee on Patents.

No. 189. To the Committee on Private Land Claims.

No. 179. To the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

No. 176. To the Committee on Private Land Claims.

No. 175. To the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

No. 173. To the Committee of Claims.

No. 172. To the Committee of Claims.

No. 171. To the Committee of Claims.

No. 185. To the Committee on Private Land Claims.

No. 308. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

No. 190. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

No. 295. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

No. 24. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill from the Senate (No. 305) entitled "An act to extend an act entitled 'An act providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the several States and Territo-

ries,'" approved August 3, 1846, was read a first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time;

And, thereupon,

The bill was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Under the rule, Mr. McLane handed to the Clerk a notice of a motion for leave to introduce a joint resolution for the erection of the Territories of Oregon, California, and New Mexico into States for admission into the Union; and providing, further, for the organization and admission of other States formed out of the Territories of said States of Oregon, California, and New Mexico, upon certain terms and conditions.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Cabell: The memorial of Francis P. Ferriera, of St. Augustine, in the State of Florida, administrator of Francis Pass, deceased, praying indemnification for spoliations by the United States troops in said State during the years 1812 and 1813: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Moses Hampton: The memorial of the legal representatives of Lemuel P. Montgomery, deceased, praying compensation for the services of the said deceased during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

And then, on motion of Mr. Howell Cobb, the House, at 3 o'clock and thirty-five minutes, adjourned until Monday next, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## MONDAY, JULY 10, 1848.

Mr. Pettit moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to offer a resolution making Senate bill No. 201 for the repair of the dam in the Ohio river at Cumberland island, a special order of the day next succeeding the general appropriation bill, and the bill to organize the Territory of Oregon: which motion was disagreed to—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Goggin, by leave, presented a memorial of citizens of Richmond for relief from the present oppressive mail arrangement between the northern cities and the city of Richmond: which memorial was laid upon the table.

Mr. McLane, by leave, presented a like memorial from citizens of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland: which was laid upon the table.

Mr. McLane moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the resolution from the Senate (No. 22) to authorize and require a renewal of a contract for carrying the mail: which motion was disagreed to—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (S. 124) entitled "An act to extend the provisions of the existing pension laws to enlisted men of the ordnance corps of the United States army," and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the rules be suspended, to enable the House to proceed to the consideration of the message received from the President of the United States on Thursday last, announcing the ratification of a treaty of peace between the United States and the republic of Mexico.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas ..... 92 / Nays ..... 70

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall

Mr. David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade

Mr. John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer

Mr. Daniel Duncan
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes

Mr. John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam

Mr. Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Augustine H. Shepperd
Mr. Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
John Strohm
Mr. Frederick A. Tallmadge
Robert Toombs
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth.

Mr. Stephens moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the President be requested to communicate to this House the best and most reliable information in his possession relating to the proper limits and boundaries of New Mexico and California, with the population of each, respectively; and particularly, copies of the maps referred to in the late treaty between Mexico and the United States.

*Resolved, further*, That the President be also requested to inform this House whether there are not now civil governments organized in New Mexico and California; and, if so, what are their forms and character; by whom and when were they instituted, and by what authority; by whom and in what way they are maintained and supported. And particularly, that he inform this House whether the governor and officers appointed in New Mexico by General Kearny, in 1846, and the governor and other officers appointed by Commodore Stockton in California, during the same year, still hold the appointments thus conferred on them; and whether the salaries affixed to their offices have been paid out of the treasury of the United States; and, if so, by what authority of law.

*Resolved, further*, That the President be requested to inform this House whether there have been any trial or trials, and convictions of any person or persons, of treason against the United States in that part of New Mexico lying east of the Rio Grande, since the same has been in the occupancy of our army; and, if so, before what tribunal such trials were had; whether civil or military; and by what authority of law such tribunal or tribunals were established; and that he furnish this House with a copy of all the proceedings in such case or cases.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof,

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| Yeas | 169 |
| Nays | 9 |

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Mr. Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Mr. William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H Crozier
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell

Mr. William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
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Joseph Grinnell
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David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll

Mr. Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson

Mr. Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Albert G. Brown
James J. Faran
Hugh L. W. Hill

Mr. David S. Kaufman
John Pettit
Timothy Pillsbury

Mr. James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Daniel Wallace.

Thereupon,

Mr. Stephens introduced his said resolutions; which were read.

And, after debate,

Mr. Stephens, *at the request of Mr. Donnell*, modified his said resolutions, by adding thereto the following additional resolutions; which were read.

*Resolved, further*, That the President of the United States be requested to inform this House how much "public land" the government of the United States has acquired under the fifth article of the treaty concluded and signed on the second day of February, 1848, between the United States of America and the Mexican republic, which is free from, and not included within, grants heretofore made by the governments of Spain and Mexico; and also, how much of such "public land" is within the boundaries of Texas, as defined

by the act of the Congress of the republic of Texas of the 19th day of December, 1836.

*Resolved, further*, That the President be requested to lay before the House copies of all such official letters, reports, or other communications, as contain any information of the quantity, value, or location of the "public lands" acquired under the said section of the treaty, the title of which is in the government of the United States, or which contain the evidence, or any part thereof, that the "extensive and valuable territories ceded by Mexico to the United States constitute indemnity for the past."

And, after debate,

Mr. Hudson moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the said resolutions were agreed to.

The rules being suspended for the purpose, Mr. Vinton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House No. 154, making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1849, reported that they had agreed to the said amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill and amendment be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 257) entitled "An act to amend an act approved the twenty-fourth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act approved on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, entitled 'An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices,'" without amendment.

They have passed a resolution (No. 32) authorizing the submission of certain claims to arbitration; and a bill (No. 314) entitled "An act to facilitate international exchanges;" in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills and resolutions of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 124. An act to extend the provisions of the existing pension laws to enlisted men of the ordnance corps of the United States army.

H. R. No. 32. Joint resolution disposing of two brass field pieces captured at the battle of Bennington, in 1777.

H. R. No. 33. Joint resolution to change the location of a light-house on Lake Superior, in the State of Michigan.

H. R. 394. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1849.

H. R. No. 114. An act to re-establish the collection district of Brunswick, in the State of Georgia.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Rose: The petition of citizens of Ontario county, in the State of New York, praying for a reduction in the rates of postage.

By Mr. Mann: The petition of citizens of Abington, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for a reduction in the rates of postage, and the abolition of the franking privilege.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Green: The petition of citizens of Knox county, in the State of Missouri, in behalf of Jesse Forsyth, praying that the half section of the public land in his possession may be granted to him: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Taylor: The petition of citizens of Jackson county, in the State of Ohio, praying for the passage of a law prohibiting the importation of ardent spirits and other intoxicating drinks: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

By Mr. Palfrey: The memorial of Henry R. Schoolcraft, praying that the subject of retaining the aboriginal names of places in the territories of the United States be submitted to the attention of a committee: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. Pendleton: The petition of Frederick Fishback, for himself and other heirs of Colonel William Yates, deceased, praying that provision be made to pay the legal representatives of the said Yates for his services in the army of the United States during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Rose: The petition of citizens of West Bloomfield, in the State of New York, praying for Congress to make certain inquiries in relation to slavery, and report the result to the people: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

And then, on motion of Mr. Pendleton, the House, at half past 3 o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## TUESDAY, July 11, 1848.

Mr. White moved that the vote taken yesterday on agreeing to the resolutions introduced by Mr. Stephens be reconsidered, and that his said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Goggin, the House proceeded to the orders of the day, and resumed the consideration of the report from the Committee on Commerce, upon the memorial from the Chicago convention, relative to the improvement of rivers and harbors by the general government; and also, upon other memorials upon the same subject; the veto message of the President of the United States at the present session, upon a bill of the last Congress, providing for the improvement of rivers and harbors; and the bill relative to tonnage duties; the question being on agreeing to the second resolution accompanying said report, which was read, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the interests of our national commerce, the

common defence, and general welfare of the United States require a judicious exercise of the foregoing power."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 112 / Nays ..... 53

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Daniel M. Barringer
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
James B. Bowlin
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings

Mr. William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes

Mr. William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries

Mr. James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane

Mr. Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
James H. Thomas
Robert A. Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Alexander Evans moved that the last vote be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

The third resolution was then read, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the reasons assigned by the President in his veto message of December 15, 1847, for his refusal to approve and sign the bill passed March 3, 1847, making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers, are deemed insufficient and unsatisfactory."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 91 / Nays ..... 72

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
Mr. William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
John Pettit
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Mr. George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay

Mr. John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton

Mr. John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
James H. Thomas

Mr. James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Clingman moved that the last vote be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

The fourth resolution was then read, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That it would be inexpedient to give the general consent of Congress, in advance of legislation by the States, to the imposition of tonnage duties by the several States as a means of improving the ports and harbors at which such duties may be levied."

And the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?"

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 110 / Nays ..... 58

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
James B. Bowlin
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines

Mr. Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes

Mr. William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Hugh A. Haralson
Mr. Samson W. Harris
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the last vote be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid on the table: which motion was agreed to.

The fifth and last of the said resolutions was then read, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the [said] report of the Committee on Commerce on the memorial of the Chicago convention, respecting harbor and river improvements; the President's message of December 15, 1847, on the same subject; and the bill referred to said committee, in relation to tonnage duties, *with the minority report on the same subject*,* be printed; and that the Committee on Printing be directed to inquire into the expediency of printing extra copies of said report.

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. White moved that the last vote be reconsidered, and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Botts, by leave, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 429) entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes,'' '' reported that the committee had amended some of the said amendments, agreed to some without amendment, and disagreed to others.

The House, by unanimous consent, proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments, and the question was stated on agreeing to the first of the same; when

On motion of Mr. Howell Cobb, and by unanimous consent, it was

* The minority did not make any report.

*Ordered*, That the said bill (No. 429) with the amendments of the Senate thereto, and the amendments reported to the said Senate's amendments from the Committee on Military Affairs, be printed.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the House proceed to the orders of the day.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 82 / Nays ..... 94

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Garnett Duncan
Joseph E. Edsall
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
John Freedley
Richard French
George Fries
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall

Mr. John H. Harmanson
Henry W. Hilliard
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
James J. McKay
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton

Mr. George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
Harvey Putnam
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Alexander D. Sims
Frederick P. Stanton
David A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn

Mr. Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry

Mr. Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
John A. McClernand
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Horace Mann
Richard K. Meade
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey

Mr. John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Mr. Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Truman Smith
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Mr. Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace.

So the House refused to proceed to the orders of the day.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. No. 257. An act to amend an act approved 24th of May, 1824, entitled "An act supplementary to an act approved on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, entitled 'An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices;'"

S. 305. An act to extend an act entitled "An act providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the several States and Territories," approved 3d August, 1846;

and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Mr. Vinton moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 107 / Nays ..... 70

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Daniel M. Barringer
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Albert G. Brown
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
Joseph E. Edsall
Mr. Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
John Freedley
Richard French
George Fries
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
John H. Harmanson
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Mr. George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Horace Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Harvey Putnam
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
William Rockhill
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root

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| Mr. Eliakim Sherrill | Mr. Frederick A. Tallmadge | Mr. Samuel F. Vinton |
| Alexander D. Sims | John L. Taylor | Cornelius Warren |
| Ephraim K. Smart | Bannon G. Thibodeaux | Hugh White |
| Frederick P. Stanton | James H. Thomas | William W. Wick |
| George A. Starkweather | Jacob Thompson | Hezekiah Williams |
| Charles E. Stuart | Robert A. Thompson | Joseph A. Woodward. |
| William Strong | Abraham W. Venable | |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Green Adams | Mr. Hugh A. Haralson | Mr. John G. Palfrey |
| John M. Botts | Samson W. Harris | Samuel O. Peyton |
| Jasper E. Brady | William T. Haskell | John S. Phelps |
| Richard Brodhead | Thomas J. Henley | Timothy Pillsbury |
| Aylett Buckner | William Henry | James Pollock |
| Armistead Burt | Henry W. Hilliard | William B. Preston |
| E. Carrington Cabell | John W. Houston | Julius Rockwell |
| John G. Chapman | Charles J. Ingersoll | John A. Rockwell |
| Lucien B. Chase | Joseph R. Ingersoll | David Rumsey, jr. |
| Thomas L. Clingman | Alfred Iverson | William Sawyer |
| John W. Crisfield | John W. Jones | Robert C. Schenck |
| Rudolphus Dickinson | David S. Kaufman | Augustine H. Shepperd |
| James Dixon | Orlando Kellogg | Peter H. Sylvester |
| Richard S. Donnell | T. Butler King | Richard F. Simpson |
| William Duer | Samuel Lahm | John I. Slingerland |
| George G. Dunn | Abraham Lincoln | Truman Smith |
| James J. Faran | Robert M. McLane | John Strohm |
| Thomas S. Flournoy | Job Mann | John B. Thompson |
| Andrew S. Fulton | George P. Marsh | William Thompson |
| John P. Gaines | Richard K. Meade | Benjamin B. Thurston |
| John Gayle | Jonathan D. Morris | Patrick W. Tompkins |
| William L. Goggin | Henry Nes | John Van Dyke |
| James G. Hampton | David Outlaw | Daniel Wallace. |

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (H. R. No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June 30, 1849, and for other purposes; and, finding itself without a quorum, he had directed the roll of members to be called, and he reported the names of the following absentees, to be entered on the Journal:

Amos Abbott, Green Adams, George Ashmun, Washington Barrow, Richard L. T. Beale, Samuel A. Bridges, Charles Brown, Aylett Buckner, Armistead Burt, Chester Butler, Richard S. Canby, Asa W. H. Clapp, Howell Cobb, J. R. J. Daniel, James Dixon, Richard S. Donnell, George N. Eckert, Joseph E. Edsall, Alexander Evans, George Fries, Meredith P. Gentry, James S. Green, Dudley S. Gregory, Joseph Grinnell, Artemas Hale, David Hammons, Isaac E. Holmes, Washington Hunt, John Jamieson, Robert W. Johnson, Emile La Sère, Shepherd Leffler, Lewis C. Levin, William B. Maclay, John A. McClernand, James McDowell, Abraham R. McIlvaine, Horace Mann, Dudley Marvin, Jonathan D. Morris, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, Henry Nes, John Pettit, William B. Preston, Harvey Putnam, Gideon Reynolds, R. Barnwell Rhett, William A. Richardson, John L. Robinson, Julius Rockwell, John A. Rockwell, J. Dixon Roman, Daniel B. St. John,

Eliakim Sherrill, Caleb B. Smith, Robert Smith, Andrew Stewart, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, Richard W. Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, Robert N. Toombs, Amos Tuck, Abraham W. Venable, Daniel Wallace, James Wilson.

A quorum having appeared,

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee had again had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the said bill No. 298; and, finding itself without a quorum, he had directed the roll of members to be called, and he reported the names of the following absentees, to be entered on the Journal:

Amos Abbott, George Ashmun, Washington Barrow, John M. Botts, Samuel A. Bridges, Charles Brown, Aylett Buckner, Chester Butler, Asa W. H. Clapp, William Collins, John R. J. Daniel, George N. Eckert, John W. Farrelly, George Fries, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, James S. Green, Artemas Hale, John H. Harmanson, William T. Haskell, Alexander Irvin, John Jamieson, Emile La Sère, Sidney Lawrence, Shepherd Leffler, William B. Maclay, John A. McClernand, James McDowell, Abraham R. McIlvaine, Robert McLane, Horace Mann, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, Henry Nes, John Pettit, Timothy Pillsbury, Harvey Putnam, Gideon Reynolds, R. Barnwell Rhett, William A. Richardson, Thomas Richey, John L. Robinson, J. Dixon Roman, Daniel B. St. John, Robert C. Schenck, Eliakim Sherrill, Caleb B. Smith, Robert Smith, Frederick P. Stanton, George A. Starkweather, Alexander H. Stephens, Andrew Stewart, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, James Thompson, Richard W. Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, Robert Toombs, Amos Tuck, Thomas J. Turner, David Wilmot, James Wilson.

A quorum having appeared,

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the said bill No. 298, had come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Cabell: The memorial of citizens of St. John's county, in the State of Florida, praying for a grant of land to facilitate the draining of the "Twelve-mile swamp," in said State: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Newell: The memorial of Grace Hudnut, of Princeton, in the State of New Jersey, praying for a pension on account of the services of her late husband Richard Hudnut, deceased, in the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Giddings: The memorial of citizens of Union county, in

the State of Ohio, praying for the passage of a law prohibiting the importation of intoxicating drinks: which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

And then, on motion of Mr. Elias B. Holmes, the House, at ten minutes before 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 1848.

Mr. Hudson moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; which was not agreed to.

The order of the day being demanded,

The Speaker proceeded to call the committees for reports: when

Mr. Nicoll, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill (No. 396) to establish a branch mint of the United States in the city of New York, reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 583. A bill for the relief of Thomas H. Noble;

No. 584. A bill for the relief of John Howe;

No. 585. A bill for the relief of Orange H. Dibble;

accompanied by reports in writing in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Benedict J. Heard, R. C. Prewitt, William Woodward, and S. B. Olmstead: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill and resolution from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 28. A resolution for the relief of Richard Fields;

No. 153. An act for the payment of Charles Richmond;

reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee to which was referred the bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 129. An act for the relief of James F. Sothoron;

No. 161. An act for the relief of Samuel Grice;

reported the same back with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 151) entitled "An act for

the relief of J. W. Nye, assignee of P. Bargy and H. Stewart," reported the same back without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing, adverse to the passage of the bill.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and that the report be printed.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee to which was recommitted the bill from the Senate (No. 215) entitled "An act for the relief of Jose Argote Villalobos, Marie Rose, François Felix, Marquis de Fougeres or their heirs or legal representatives," reported the same back with an amendmennt.

And thereupon,

The said amendment was read and agreed to, and the amendment ordered to be engrossed; and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The amendment being engrossed, the bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the same committee to which was recommitted the bill (No. 90) for the relief of John P. Converse, reported the same back with an amendment.

The said amendment was read:

The question was stated on agreeing thereto; when,

On motion of Mr. Daniel, it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and be printed.

Mr. Daniel, from the Committee of Claims, made an adverse report upon the petition of Anna Maria Baldwin: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Crowell,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Thomas Copeland, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Crowell, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of the Pacific and other insurance companies of the city of New York: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crowell, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 586. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of John H. Piatt;

No. 587. A bill for the relief of B. M. Bouton;

No. 588. A bill for the relief of A. H. Patterson;

accompanied by a report in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Crowell,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the con-

sideration of the petition of Mary E. Burfoot, executrix of John Clarke, deceased; also, from the petition of George W. Kidd; also, from the petition of Jane Parker, widow of Southey Parker; also, from the petition of the executor of John J. Bulow, jr.; and that they be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Crowell,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the petition of John Lee, and that it be referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the consideration of the letter from the Secretary of State, and documents accompanying the same, in relation to the claims of Maine and Massachusetts against the United States, under the treaty of Washington, and that they be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Nelson, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Jeremiah Carpenter and of Daniel G. Garnsey: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dunn, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Thomas T. Gammage, accompanied by a bill (No. 589) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hunt, from the Committee on Commerce, made a report upon the petition of Pope, Morgan, and others, for compensation for ransoming the crew of the whale ship Columbia, accompanied by a bill (No. 590) to compensate and reimburse the owners and crew of the whaling ship Chandler Price the losses and expenses incurred in ransoming the crew of the ship Columbia: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hunt, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 56) entitled "An act to provide for a survey of the mouth of Red river, in the State of Louisiana," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Hunt, from the Committee on Commerce, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be directed to inquire into the expediency of printing five thousand copies of the memoir, geographical, political, and commercial, on the present state, productive resources, and capabilities for commerce, of Siberia, Manchuria, and the Asiatic islands of the northern Pacific ocean, &c., by Aaron H. Palmer, and the map appended thereto, recently communicated to the President, and printed by order of the Senate.

Mr. Grinnell, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 142) entitled "An act for the relief of

Benjamin Adams & Company and others," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Simpson, from the Committee on Commerce, made a report upon the petition of Charles B. Clusky, accompanied by a bill (No. 591) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the bill of the House No. 471, to admit certain articles of the growth or production of Canada into the United States free of duty, upon the condition that the like articles, of the growth or production of the United States, are admitted into Canada free of duty, reported the same with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; when

The said amendments were read and agreed to, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time, under the previous question moved by Mr. McClelland.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time; when

Mr. Pollock moved that the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And, after debate,

Mr. McClelland moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And decided in the affirmative—the motion to commit being set aside by the previous question.

Mr. McClelland moved that the vote upon the passage of said bill be reconsidered, and that his said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. McLane: The memorial of John McKee, praying indemnity for losses incurred and sustained by him in the seizure of the barque Mary Terresa, at Bahia, by the United States, whilst he was acting as supercargo on board of said vessel.

By Mr. Grinnell: The petition of Elliot Smith and Nathan Farnsworth, praying compensation for rescuing United States troops and stores from the wreck of the ship Charles Wharton, at Tampa bay.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. T. Butler King: The memorial of George Mackay, of Benton county, in the State of Florida, praying compensation for goods furnished the officers and solders in the Seminole war: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Crisfield: The petition of Henry Dennis, of the State of Maryland, praying compensation for his services rendered in the

war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Jenkins: The memorial of Samuel Colman, praying that he may be employed to prepare and publish a general index to the congressional documents: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll: The memorial of citizens of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the passage of a law providing for a change in the conveyance of the great northern and southern mails: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the bill (No. 368) to refund to Charles A. Kellett the tonnage duties and light money paid on the Chinese junk Keying.

Mr. Bingham, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill (No. 592) to annex that part of the State of Indiana bordering on Lake Michigan to the Chicago collection district: which was read a first and second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill of the House (No. 327) to cede to the State of Alabama the public lands lying within the limits of said State, for the purposes of education, made a report thereon; which, with the said bill, was laid upon the table, and the report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which were referred bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 157. An act to confirm to the legal representatives of Joseph Dutaillis the location of a certain New Madrid certificate; and

No. 281. An act to revive an act authorizing certain soldiers in the late war with Great Britain to surrender the bounty lands drawn by them and to locate others in lieu thereof;

reported the same, with an amendment to the last mentioned bill.

Thereupon the said amendment was read, and agreed to; and the said bills were severally ordered to be read a third time;

And they were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and request their concurrence in the said amendment.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private Secretary, notifying that he did, on the 10th instant, approve and sign bills and joint resolutions of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 394. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849.

H. R. No. 114. An act to re-establish the collection district of Brunswick, in the State of Georgia.

H. R. No. 32. Joint resolution disposing of two brass field pieces captured at the battle of Bennington in 1777.

H. R. No. 33. Joint resolution to change the location of a light-house on Lake Superior, in the State of Michigan.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill (No. 593) in addition to an act for the relief of the inhabitants of the reserved townships in Gibson county, in the State of Indiana, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, and

Ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Goggin moved that when the House adjourns to-day, it adjourn to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock, a. m.

The question was stated on agreeing to the said motion: when

Mr. Schenck moved to amend the motion, by adding thereto the following: "And that the several committees of the House be discharged from all the business referred to them."

The question was stated on agreeing thereto: when

Mr. Stuart moved that the motion of Mr. Goggin be laid on the table: which motion was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a resolution and bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 34. A resolution concerning the distribution of the Statutes at Large;

No. 8. An act further to carry into effect the provisions and stipulations of the ninth article of the Florida treaty, with respect to certain losses of Spanish subjects in West Florida;

No. 315. An act for the payment of liquidated claims against Mexico;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate insist upon their 14th amendment to the bill of the House (No. 136) entitled "An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending the 30th June, 1849, and for other purposes;" and they disagree to the amendment of the House to their 16th amendment to the said bill. They ask a conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon said amendments, and have appointed Mr. Atherton, Mr. Badger, and Mr. Atchison managers of said conference on the part of the Senate.

And then the Secretary withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill of the House No. 298, making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June

30, 1848, and for other purposes, and finding itself without a quorum, he had caused the roll of members to be called, and he reported the names of the following absentees:

Green Adams, George Ashmun, Washington Barrow, Thomas H. Bayly, Henry Bedinger, Hiram Belcher, Kingsley S. Bingham, Thomas S. Bocock, John M. Botts, Franklin W. Bowdon, James B. Bowlin, Samuel A. Bridges, William G. Brown, Aylett Buckner, Chester Butler, Charles W. Cathcart, Asa W. A. Clapp, Franklin Clark, Beverly L. Clark, William M. Cocke, John D. Cummins, Mason C. Darling, John Dickey, James Dixon, Daniel Duncan, George N. Eckert, Thomas O. Edwards, John Freedley, John P. Gaines, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, Joshua R. Giddings, Artemas Hale, Hugh A. Haralson, William T. Haskell, Thomas J. Henley, Charles J. Ingersoll, Alexander Irvin, John Jamieson, Timothy Jenkins, Robert W. Johnson, David S. Kaufman, Orlando Kellogg, Samuel Lahm, Emile La Sère, Sidney Lawrence, Shepherd Leffler, Lewis C. Levin, William Pitt Lynde, William B. Maclay, John A. McClernand, James McDowell, Abraham R. McIlvaine, George P. Marsh, Richard K. Meade, Charles S. Morehead, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, Henry Nes, William A. Newell, John S. Pendleton, George Petrie, John Pettit, Samuel O. Peyton, Gideon Reynolds, R. Barnwell Rhett, William A. Richardson, Thomas Richey, John L. Robinson, Julius Rockwell, J. Dixon Roman, Daniel B. St. John, Eliakim Sherrill, Caleb B. Smith, Robert Smith, Frederick P. Stanton, George A. Starkweather, Alexander H. Stephens, Andrew Stewart, Jacob Thompson, Richard W. Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, Robert Toombs, Amos Tuck, John Van Dyke, John Wentworth, Hezekiah Williams, David Wilmot, James Wilson.

A quorum appearing,

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having again had under consideration the state of the Union generally, particularly the said bill No. 298, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Pollock moved, at five minutes before 4 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 57 / Nays ..... 82

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. Joseph E. Edsall | Mr. Andrew Johnson |
| Richard L. T. Beale | James J. Faran | George W. Jones |
| Linn Boyd | David Fisher | Daniel P. King |
| Jasper E. Brady | Richard French | Emile La Sère |
| Albert G. Brown | William L. Goggin | Thomas W. Ligon |
| Armistead Burt | James S. Green | Abraham Lincoln |
| Richard S. Canby | John H. Harmanson | Frederick W. Lord |
| John G. Chapman | William Henry | John H. Lumpkin |
| John Crowell | John W. Houston | Robert McClelland |
| John H. Crozier | Samuel W. Inge | Richard K. Meade |
| John Dickey | Joseph R. Ingersoll | Joseph Mullin |
| Richard S. Donnell | Alfred Iverson | John G. Palfrey |

Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Mr. Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
John Strohm
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Mr. James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Daniel Wallace
Cornelius Warren.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Daniel M. Barringer
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
E. Carrington Cabell
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
James H. Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
William T. Lawrence
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Horace Mann
Dudley Marvin
Mr. John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
William B. Preston
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
William Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union:

Mr. Harmanson moved, at 4 o'clock and ten minutes, that the House adjourn;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 62 / Nays ..... 73 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Lynn Boyd
Jasper E. Brady
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William Collins
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
David Fisher
Mr. Richard French
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
David Hammons
John H. Harmanson
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
Robert McClelland
Robert M. McLane
Richard K. Meade
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Mr. John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
John Strohm
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Jacob Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Daniel Wallace
Cornelius Warren.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Daniel M. Barringer
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Charles Brown
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John R. J. Daniel
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Mr. Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
James H. Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
William T. Lawrence
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Horace Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
William Nelson
Mr. Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
William Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Wentworth, that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union;

And being put,

It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Vinton moved that there be a call of the House:

Mr. McClelland moved, at 4 o'clock and twenty-five minutes, that the House adjourn;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 59 / Nays..... 79 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William Collins
John Crowell
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Richard French
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Mr. James S. Green
David Hammons
John H. Harmanson
Henry W. Hilliard
John W. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Joseph Mullin
Mr. John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
John Strohm
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Jacob Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Cornelius Warren
William W. Wick
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Daniel M. Barringer
Mr. Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Mr. Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon

Mr. Charles Brown
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Mr. Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
James H. Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
William T. Lawrence
Horace Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
Henry Nicoll
Mr. David Outlaw
John S. Phelps
William B. Preston
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James S. Wiley.

The question recurred, that there be a call of the House;

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

The roll was then called, and the following members failed to answer to their names:

Green Adams, George Ashmun, Washington Barrow, Henry Bedinger, Hiram Belcher, Kingsley S. Bingham, Thomas S. Bocock, John M. Botts, James B. Bowlin, Linn Boyd, Jasper E. Brady, Richard Brodhead, Albert G. Brown, Aylett Buckner, Charles W. Cathcart, Lucien B. Chase, Asa W. H. Clapp, Franklin Clark, Beverly L. Clark, William M. Cocke, Jacob Collamer, John D. Cummins, Mason C. Darling, James Dixon, Daniel Duncan, George N. Eckert, Thomas O. Edwards, John Freedley, George Fries, John P. Gaines, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, Artemas Hale, Moses Hampton, Hugh A. Haralson, William T. Haskell, Thomas J. Henley, Isaac E. Holmes, Charles J. Ingersoll, Alexander Irvin, Timothy Jenkins, Robert W. Johnson, David S. Kaufman, Samuel Lahm, Sidney Lawrence, Lewis C. Levin, Thomas W. Ligon, William Pitt Lynde, William B. Maclay, John A. McClernand, Robert M. McLane, George P. Marsh, Charles S. Morehead, Isaac E. Morse, William A. Newell, John S. Pendleton, George Petrie, John Pettit, Samuel O. Peyton, Timothy Pillsbury, Gideon Reynolds, R. Barnwell Rhett, William A. Richardson, Thomas Richey, Julius Rockwell, Daniel B. St. John, Eliakim Sherrill, Caleb B. Smith, Robert Smith, Frederick P. Stanton, George A. Starkweather, Alexander H. Stephens, Andrew Stewart, James Thompson, Richard W. Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, Robert Toombs, Amos Tuck, John Van Dyke, Daniel Wallace, James Wilson.

Mr. Cabell moved that all further proceedings in the call be dispensed with; which motion was disagreed to.

The doors were then closed; when

Mr. McKay, upon his own motion, was excused from further attendance upon the House this day; and

Excuses were further offered and received for the non-attendance of Samuel A. Bridges and Chester Butler; when

Mr. Hudson moved that all further proceedings in the call be dispensed with; which motion was disagreed to.

Excuses were further offered and received for John Jamieson, Shepherd Leffler, Henry C. Murphy, Abraham R. McIlvaine, Henry Nes, John L. Robinson, and Hezekiah Williams.

Mr. T. Butler King moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be despatched to bring in the absent members.

Mr. George S. Houston moved that all further proceedings in the call be dispensed with; which motion was disagreed to; and

Mr. Miller moved, at 5 o'clock and nine minutes, that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put on the motion made by Mr. King, that the Sergeant-at-Arms be despatched to bring in absentees;

And decided in the affirmative.

And the Sergeant-at-Arms was accordingly ordered to execute said order as relates to the following named absent members, viz:

Green Adams, George Ashmun, Washington Barrow, Henry Bedinger, Hiram Belcher, Kingsley S. Bingham, Thomas S. Bocock, John M. Botts, James B. Bowlin, Linn Boyd, Jasper E. Brady, Richard Brodhead, Albert G. Brown, Aylett Buckner, Charles W. Cathcart, Lucien B. Chase, Asa W. H. Clapp, Franklin Clark, Beverly L. Clark, William M. Cocke, Jacob Collamer, John D. Cummins, Mason C. Darling, James Dixon, Daniel Duncan, George N. Eckert, Thomas O. Edwards, John Freedley, George Fries, John P. Gaines, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, Artemas Hale, Moses Hampton, Hugh A. Haralson, William T. Haskell, Thomas J. Henley, Isaac E. Holmes, Charles J. Ingersoll, Alexander Irvin, Timothy Jenkins, Robert W. Johnson, David S. Kaufman, Samuel Lahm, Sidney Lawrence, Lewis C. Levin, Thomas W. Ligon, William Pitt Lynde, William B. Maclay, John A. McClernand, Robert M. McLane, George P. Marsh, Charles S. Morehead, Isaac E. Morse, William A. Newell, John S. Pendleton, George Petrie, John Pettit, Samuel O. Peyton, Timothy Pillsbury, Gideon Reynolds, R. Barnwell Rhett, William A. Richardson, Thomas Richey, Julius Rockwell, J. Dixon Roman, Daniel B. St. John, Eliakim Sherrill, Caleb B. Smith, Robert Smith, Frederick P. Stanton, George A. Starkweather, Alexander H. Stephens, Andrew Stewart, James Thompson, Richard W. Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, Robert Toombs, Amos Tuck, John Van Dyke, Daniel Wallace, James Wilson.

Mr. Sawyer moved, at 5 o'clock and ten minutes, that the House adjourn; which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Bowdon moved that he be excused from further attendance upon the House this day; which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that all further proceedings in the call be dispensed with.

And, thereupon,

Mr. Charles Brown, Mr. French, Mr. Farrelly, and Mr. Blanchard, were, at their own request, severally excused from further attendance upon the House this day; and

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Cobb,
And being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 48 / Nays ..... 66

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. Richard French | Mr. Job Mann |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Joseph Grinnell | Horace Mann |
| Ausburn Birdsall | James G. Hampton | John K. Miller |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | William Henry | Joseph Mullin |
| E. Carrington Cabell | Hugh L. W. Hill | Charles H. Peaslee |
| Howell Cobb | Elias B. Holmes | Lucius B. Peck |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | George S. Houston | Harvey Putnam |
| William Collins | Charles Hudson | Augustine H. Shepperd |
| John H. Crozier | Samuel W. Inge | Peter H. Sylvester |
| John R. J. Daniel | Joseph R. Ingersoll | John Strohm |
| John Dickey | Andrew Johnson | Bannon G. Thibodeaux |
| Joseph E. Edsall | James H. Johnson | William Thompson |
| James J. Faran | John W. Jones | Benjamin B. Thurston |
| John W. Farrelly | Emile La Sère | Abraham W. Venable |
| Winfield S. Featherston | Abraham Lincoln | David Wilmot |
| Orlando B. Ficklin | Robert McClelland | Joseph A. Woodward. |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Daniel M. Barringer | Mr. James S. Green | Mr. John A. Rockwell |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Dudley S. Gregory | Robert L. Rose |
| John Blanchard | Willard P. Hall | Joseph M. Root |
| Nathaniel Boydon | Nathan K. Hall | David Rumsey, jr. |
| William G. Brown | David Hammons | William Sawyer |
| Thomas L. Clingman | Samuel D. Hubbard | Alexander D. Sims |
| Harmon S. Conger | Washington Hunt | John I. Slingerland |
| John W. Crisfield | Alfred Iverson | Ephraim K. Smart |
| John Crowell | Orlando Kellogg | Truman Smith |
| Rudolphus Dickinson | William Kennon, jr. | Charles E. Stuart |
| Richard S. Donnell | T. Butler King | William Strong |
| William Duer | William T. Lawrence | Frederick A. Tallmadge |
| Garnett Duncan | Frederick W. Lord | John L. Taylor |
| George G. Dunn | Dudley Marvin | James H. Thomas |
| Elisha Embree | Jonathan D. Morris | Patrick W. Tompkins |
| Alexander Evans | William Nelson | Thomas J. Turner |
| Nathan Evans | Henry Nicoll | Samuel F. Vinton |
| David Fisher | David Outlaw | Cornelius Warren |
| Thomas S. Flournoy | John G. Palfrey | John Wentworth |
| Andrew S. Fulton | James Pollock | Hugh White |
| William L. Goggin | William B. Preston | William W. Wick. |
| Daniel Gott | William Rockhill | James S. Wiley |

The Sergeant-at-Arms returned into the hall with the following absent members, viz:

Samuel Lahm, Thomas O. Edwards, Mason C. Darling, and John P. Gaines, who were not excused: They were separately addressed by the Speaker as follows:

"You have been absent from the service of the House without its leave, and contrary to its order, if you have any excuse to offer it will now be heard:" when

Excuses being separately offered for Mr. Lahm, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Darling, it was ordered that they be discharged from custody, and "admitted to their seats upon the payment of fees."

Mr. Gaines, without offering any excuse, was also discharged from custody, and admitted to his seat upon the payment of fees.

Mr. Lord moved, at 5 o'clock and forty minutes, that the House adjourn: which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Vinton moved that Mr. Cranston be excused from further attendance upon the House this day: which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Inge moved, at fifteen minutes before 6, p. m., that the House adjourn: which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the Clerk report the names of those who answered to their names on the first call of the roll, and were now absent: which motion was agreed to; and

The Clerk accordingly reported the names of Jasper E. Brady, Armistead Burt, John G. Chapman, John H. Harmanson, Samson W. Harris, George W. Jones, John H. Lumpkin, Richard K. Meade, John S. Phelps, Robert C. Schenck, Richard F. Simpson, and Jacob Thompson.

Mr. Sawyer moved that the Sergeant-at-arms require all members now absent, except such as have been excused, to appear at the meeting of the House to-morrow morning to give excuses for their absence at this time.

Mr. Pollock moved, at seven minutes before 6 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn: which motion was decided in the negative.

The question recurred on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Sawyer; and being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 69 / Nays ..... 48

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Archibald Atkinson
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
John P. Gaines
Joshua R. Giddings
James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Mr. William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
John W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
Robert McClelland
Horace Mann
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Charles H. Peaslee
Mr. Harvey Putnam
Robert L. Rose
William Sawyer
Peter H. Sylvester
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Nathaniel Boydon
William G. Brown
E. Carrington Cabell
Harmon S. Conger
John W. Crisfield
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Willard P. Hall
Mr. James G. Hampton
Henry W. Hilliard
Washington Hunt
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Samuel Lahm
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll

Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Mr. William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Augustine H. Shepperd
Mr. Ephraim K. Smart
John Strohm
William Strong
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

Thereupon,

The Sergeant-at-Arms returned into the hall with William A. Newall and David S. Kaufman, two of the absent members, who did not answer to their names, and were not excused.

They were separately addressed by the Speaker; and, excuses being offered, they were severally admitted to their seats upon payment of fees.

Mr. Featherston moved, at 6 o'clock and ten minutes, that the House adjourn; when,

On motion of Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, Mr. James McDowell, one of the absent members, was, by unanimous consent, excused from attendance upon the House this day.

The question recurred upon the motion made by Mr. Featherston.

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

And so the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## THURSDAY, July 13, 1848.

The Speaker announced, that pursuant to an order of the House, yesterday, the Sergeant-at-Arms had arrested, and was now present with, the absent members.

Mr. Hudson moved that all further proceedings in the call be dispensed with.

Mr. Lincoln moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put; when

Mr. Conger moved that the motion made by Mr. Hudson, that all further proceedings in the call be dispensed with, be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 70 / Nays ..... 57

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Richard L. T. Beale
John Blanchard
William G. Brown
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Harmon S. Conger
John W. Crisfield
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Garnett Duncan
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
Mr. Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
David Hammons
Samson W. Harris
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Mr. William T. Lawrence
Robert McClelland
James J. McKay
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John S. Phelps
William B. Preston
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd

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| Mr. Richard F. Simpson | Mr. Bannon G. Thibodeaux | Mr. Samuel F. Vinton |
| Alexander D. Sims | James H. Thomas | Cornelius Warren |
| Charles E. Stuart | Patrick W. Tompkins | John Wentworth |
| William Strong | Thomas J. Turner | Hugh White |
| Frederick A. Tallmadge | Abraham W. Venable | William W. Wick. |
| John L. Taylor | | |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. David Fisher | Mr. Job Mann |
| Archibald Atkinson | Joshua R. Giddings | Richard K. Meade |
| Ausburn Birdsall | Joseph Grinnell | Henry Nicoll |
| Nathaniel Boydon | Nathan K. Hall | John G. Palfrey |
| Armistead Burt | James G. Hampton | Charles H. Peaslee |
| E. Carrington Cabell | William Henry | Lucius B. Peck |
| Richard S. Canby | Hugh L. W. Hill | James Pollock |
| John G. Chapman | Henry W. Hilliard | Harvey Putnam |
| Thomas L. Clingman | Elias B. Holmes | Robert L. Rose |
| William Collins | Charles Hudson | Robert C. Schenck |
| Robert B. Cranston | Washington Hunt | Peter H. Sylvester |
| John Crowell | Alfred Iverson | John I. Slingerland |
| John H. Crozier | George W. Jones | Ephraim K. Smart |
| Richard S. Donnell | John W. Jones | Truman Smith |
| George G. Dunn | Orlando Kellogg | William Thompson |
| Joseph E. Edsall | Daniel P. King | Benjamin B. Thurston |
| Thomas O. Edwards | Emile La Sère | James S. Wiley |
| Nathan Evans | Abraham Lincoln | Hezekiah Williams |
| James J. Faran | John H. Lumpkin | Joseph A. Woodward. |

Mr. Hilliard moved that all the absent members who are now in custody of the Sergeant-at-arms be admitted to their seats, *on payment of fees:* provided, however, that any of such members who desire to make excuses may be heard.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Pettit, Mr. Henley, Mr. Botts, Mr. Cathcart, Mr. McLane, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Belcher, Mr. Collamer, and Mr. Starkweather, were then severally excused by the House for their non-attendance.

No further excuses being offered,

Mr. Goggin moved that when the House adjourns to-day, it adjourn to meet to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Objection being made,

The Speaker decided that the motion could not be received at this time, except by unanimous consent.

From this decision Mr. Goggin appealed.

And the question being put, Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained as the judgment of the House?

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill No. 298, making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June 30, 1849, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

On motion of Mr. Vinton the House, by unanimous consent of the House, proceeded to the consideration of the message from the Senate, insisting upon their fourteenth amendment to the bill of

the House 136, entitled "An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and for other purposes, and disagree to the amendment of the House to the sixteenth of the Senate; and asking a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses.

Thereupon, it was

*Resolved*, That the House do agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

And Mr. Vinton, Mr. Nicoll, and Mr. Clingman, were appointed managers at said conference on the part of the House.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Garnett Duncan: The memorial of P. L. Loughborough, of Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, praying for a change in the November term of the United States district court in said State: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Turner: The memorial of Henry Powell, of the State of Illinois, praying for a pension, on account of wounds and disabilities received and incurred in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions;

Also, two petitions of citizens of the State of Illinois, praying for a grant of land, to aid in the construction of a plank road from Peru to Savannah: which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Nicoll: The petition of citizens of the city and State of New York, praying for the survey of a route for a post road between said city and Philadelphia, the line of such road to be retained under the perpetual control of the Union, and to be used for the construction of a railroad.

By Mr. Turner: The petition of the State of Illinois, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Twelve Mile grove to Decatur, in said State.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads;

Also, the petition of citizens of Whiteside county, in the State of Illinois, praying for the extension of the ordinance of 1787 over the territory acquired from Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

And then, on motion of Mr. Sidney Lawrence, the House, at 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## FRIDAY, July 14, 1848.

The Journal of yesterday having been read,

Mr. Goggin moved to amend the same, by inserting therein, immediately after his motion providing that when the House adjourned yesterday it should adjourn until 10 o'clock, a. m., this day, the following:

"Mr. Cabell moved to amend the motion made by Mr. Goggin, by adding thereto the following: 'and that all the committees of the House be discharged from the business before them.'"

And the question being put, Shall the Journal of yesterday be thus amended?

It was decided in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 294. An act making appropriations for light-houses, light-boats, buoys, &c., and providing for the erection and establishment of the same;

No. 300. An act to make Bangor a port of entry for ships or vessels coming from and beyond the Cape of Good Hope;

No. 320. An act to change the time of holding the circuit and district courts in the State of Kentucky;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have passed the bill of the House No. 482, entitled "An act to establish a collection district in the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes, with amendments, in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did, on the 10th instant, approve and sign the bill No. 124, to extend the provisions of existing pension laws to enlisted men of the ordnance corps of the United States army.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Botts, by leave, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House No. 429, to amend an act entitled "An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico,'" and for other purposes, with the amendments thereto reported from the Committee on Military Affairs, the question being on the amendments reported from the Committee on Military Affairs to the said amendments of the Senate, which were read.

And the question was stated.

And, after debate,

Mr. Botts moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House concur with the Committee on Military Affairs in disagreeing to the first amendment of the Senate?

And decided in the affirmative.

All the remaining amendments proposed by the Committee on Military Affairs to the Senate's amendments were then disagreed to, and the question recurred on agreeing to the amendments of the Senate to the said bill; and the second of the same was read, as follows:

"SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the provisions of existing laws as requires the discharge of the officers and principal musicians hereinafter named be, and the same is hereby, suspended until the fourth of March next, to wit: one additional

major to each regiment of dragoons, artillery, infantry, and riflemen, as authorized by the third section of the act of the eleventh February, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes;" two additional surgeons and twelve additional assistant surgeons, as authorized by the eighth section of said act; four quartermasters and ten assistant quartermasters, as authorized by the tenth section of said act; one assistant adjutant general, with the rank, &c., of a lieutenant colonel of cavalry; and two assistant adjutants general, with the brevet rank, pay, and emoluments of a captain of cavalry, as authorized by the second section of the act of the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, entitled "An act making provision for an additional number of general officers, and for other purposes;" two deputy paymasters general and ten paymasters, as authorized by the twelfth section of the last mentioned act; and the two principal musicians allowed to each regiment of artillery by the eighteenth section of the last mentioned act, and no vacancies, happening under the provisions so suspended, shall be filled up in the meantime.

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas,..... 10 / Nays,..... 173

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Thomas H. Bayly
Rudolphus Dickinson
George G. Dunn
Mr. John P. Gaines
Elias B. Holmes
George Petrie
Mr. William Sawyer
Truman Smith
John Van Dyke.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Richard L. T. Beale
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Mr. Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Mr. Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Horace Mann
Mr. George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Mr. Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the amendment of the Senate was disagreed to.

The third and last amendment of the Senate was then read, as follows:

"SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the '*officers*,' non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, engaged in the military service of the United States in the war with Mexico, and who served out the term of their engagement, or have been, or may be, honorably discharged, shall be entitled to receive three months' extra pay."

And the question was put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative.

And thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Botts, it was

*Ordered*, That a conference be asked of the Senate on the subjects of difference between the two houses.

And Mr. Botts, Mr. Burt, and Mr. McLane were appointed managers to conduct said conference on the part of the House.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the vote disagreeing to the third and last amendment of the Senate be reconsidered.

Mr. Botts moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 71 / Nays ..... 101

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Archibald Atkinson
Hiram Belcher
Mr. John Blanchard
John M. Botts
William G. Brown
Mr. Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt

Mr. John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Harmon S. Conger
John W. Crisfield
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Dunoan
Thomas O. Edwards
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
John P. Gaines
Dudley S. Gregory
James G. Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Mr. Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Robert M. McLane
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
Mr. John G. Palfrey
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John B. Thompson
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Alexander Irvin
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sere
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Mr. Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William A. Richardson
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
David A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

The question recurred on the motion to reconsider; when Mr. John A. Rockwell moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the said vote be reconsidered?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 116 / Nays ..... 55

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
John H Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
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George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Meredith P. Gentry

Mr. William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin

Mr. Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Retrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Armistead Burt
John G. Chapman
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
Nathan Evans

Mr. David Fisher
John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
James G. Hampton
William T. Haskell
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Robert M. McLane
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade

Mr. William Nelson
John G. Palfrey
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Robert C. Schenck
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John B. Thompson
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton.

The question recurred on agreeing to the said third amendment of the Senate; when

Mr. George W. Jones moved to amend the said amendment of

the Senate, by inseting therein, after the word "*discharged*," the following: "*and the legal heirs of such as have been killed in battle, or who died while in service, or who, having been honorably discharged, have since died, or may hereafter die, without having received the three months' pay herein provided for, first, to the widows; second, to the children; and third, to the heirs generally.*"

And, after debate,

Mr. Botts moved the previous question.

Pending which question,

Mr. Stanton moved that the vote by which the House disagreed to the second of the said amendments of the Senate to the said bill be reconsidered.

And, after debate,

Mr. Donnell moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Alexander Evans moved that the vote on the first amendment of the Senate to the said bill be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Alexander Evans moved that the vote agreeing to a conference be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

The previous question moved by Mr. Botts was then seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the amendment proposed by Mr. Jones to the said third amendment of the Senate was agreed to.

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the said amendment of the Senate to the said bill (No. 429) as thus amended?

And decided in the affirmative, { ...s ..... 147
{ ...s ..... 8

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb

Mr. William M. Cock
William Collins
Harmon S. Conge
Robert B. Cransto
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin

Mr. David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
ames G. Hampton
oses Hampton
h A. Haralson
H. Harmanson
n W. Harris
T. Haskell
W. Hill
Hilliard
ge Simes
W. Hopton
el D. Hubbard

Mr. Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Mr. James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William B. Prest
Gideon Reynold
William A. Ri[illegible]rdson
Julius Rockwe[illegible]
John A. Rock[illegible]ll
Robert L. R[illegible]
David Rums[illegible]jr.
William Sa[illegible]r
Mr Augustine H. Shepherd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negati[illegible]are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
John M. Botts
Joshua R. Giddings
Mr. William [illegible]ry
Charles [illegible]son
James [illegible]cKay
Mr. Horace Mann
Dudley Marvin.

Mr. Hunt moved that the la[illegible] vote be reconsidered, and that his said motion to reconsider be l[illegible] on the table: which was agreed to.

And so it was

*Resolved*, That the House agree to the *first* and *second* amendments of the Senate to the [illegible] bill, and agree to the third and last, with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk [illegible]quaint the Senate with the action of the House upon the said [illegible]endments, and request their concurrence in the amendment [illegible] the House to the third of their said amendments, and in the [illegible]ointment of a committee of conference on the subjects of disag[illegible]ent.

Mr. James G. Hampt[illegible] from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the com[illegible]ee had examined an enrolled bill of the Senate (No. 157) enti[illegible]"An act to confirm to the legal representatives of Joseph L[illegible]llis the location of a certain New Madrid certificate," and fou[illegible]e same correctly enrolled; when

The Speaker sig[illegible]e said bill.

On motion [illegible]. Rumsey,

*Ordered*, That [illegible] be given to withdraw the papers in the case of William Steel [illegible]ordingly delivered to Mr. Rumsey.

And they we[illegible] Richardson, the House, at 4 o'clock and fifteen

On motion [illegible] until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

minutes, adj[illegible]

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1848.

[illegible]on of Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb, by leave,

*Resol[illegible]* That the Committee on Printing be instructed to inquire into the [illegible]pediency of printing, for the use of the House,

"a number of the report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, in answer to the resolution of the Senate of the 22d January, 1847."

Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Printing, to which was referred the resolution for the printing of extra copies "of the report of the Committee on Commerce, on the memorial of the Chicago convention, respecting harbor and river improvements; the President's message of December 15, 1847, on the same subject; and the bill referred to the same in relation to tonnage duties," reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That ten thousand extra copies of said report be printed.

The said resolution was read; and

Mr. Wentworth proposed to amend the same, by striking out "*ten thousand*," and inserting in lieu thereof "*twenty thousand*," on which

Mr. Wentworth moved the previous question.

Mr. Kaufman moved that the resolution be laid on the table: which was not agreed to.

The previous question was then seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the amendment proposed by Mr. Wentworth was disagreed to.

The said resolution, as reported by the committee, was then agreed to by the House.

Mr. Conger, from the same committee, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Engraving be, and they are hereby, directed to inform this House of the cause of delay in furnishing to the public printers the plates and engravings for the report of the Commissioner of Patents, and whether any action is necessary to facilitate the delivery of the same, and when the same will be delivered; also, of the cause of delay in delivering the maps and plates for the reports of Lieutenants Emory and Abert, and when the same will be delivered, and whether any action is necessary to facilitate the delivery of the same.

And, after debate,

The question was put, "Will the House agree to the said resolution?"

And decided in the affirmative, under the previous question moved by Mr. Conger.

Mr. Stephens, by leave, offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be directed to inquire into, and report to the House, the cause of the delay of printing the war correspondence, which was ordered some time since to be printed.

The said resolution was read and agreed to:

Under the rule of the House, Mr. Gott handed to the Clerk notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to repeal the act entitled "An act to authorize an increase of the rank and file of the army of the United States, and for other purposes," approved May 13, 1836.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill of the House (No. 212) entitled "An act for the relief of William T. Holland," without amendment.

The Senate *disagree* to the amendment of the House to the third amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 429) entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes.'" They *insist* upon their amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House, and agree to the conference asked by the House "*on the disagreeing votes of the two houses;*" and have appointed Mr. Benton, Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, and Mr. Davis, of Mississippi, managers at said conference on the part of the Senate.

A further message from the Senate, by Mr. Machin, their Chief Clerk:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill (No. 321) entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make a compromise and settlement with the securities of Francis D. Newcomb, late surveyor general of the State of Louisiana," in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have agreed to the amendment of the House to the bill of the Senate No. 215, for the relief of Jose Argote Villalobos, Marie Rose, François Felix, Marquis de Fougeres, or their heirs or legal representatives.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills: which motion was disagreed to.

And then, on motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the amendment of the Senate to the bill No. 154, making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, had agreed to the same; that the committee had also had under consideration the bill No. 298, making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and for other purposes; and, finding itself without a quorum, he had directed the roll of members to be called, and he reported the names of the following absentees, to be entered on the Journal:

George Ashmun, Washington Barrow, Henry Bedinger, Thomas S. Bocock, John M. Botts, Franklin W. Bowdon, Jasper E. Brady, Samuel A. Bridges, Charles Brown, A. G. Brown, Aylett Buckner, Chester Butler, E. Carrington Cabell, John G. Chapman, Asa W. H. Clapp, Beverly L. Clark, Richard S. Donnell, George N. Eckert, John Freedley, John P. Gaines, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, Artemas Hale, Samson W. Harris, William T. Haskell, Thomas J. Henley, Alexander Irvin, Alfred Iverson, David S. Kaufman, John Jamieson, Shepherd Leffler, Lewis C. Levin, James McDowell,

Abraham R. McIlvaine, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, John S. Pendleton, Timothy Pillsbury, Harvey Putnam, William A. Richardson, Thomas Richey, John L. Robinson, William Rockhill, J. Dixon Roman, Daniel B. St. John, Alexander D. Sims, Ephraim K. Smart, Robert Smith, Andrew Stewart, Richard W. Thompson, John B. Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, Amos Tuck, Daniel Wallace, Hugh White, James Wilson.

A quorum having appeared,

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee had come to no resolution upon the bill No. 298, making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year ending the 30th June, 1849.

On motion of Mr. Vinton the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment of the Senate to the said bill No. 154, making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849; when
the same was read, and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 257. An act to amend an act approved 24th of May, 1824, entitled "An act supplementary to an act approved on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, entitled 'An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices.'"

S. 305. An act to extend an act entitled "An act providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the several States and Territories," approved 3d August, 1846.

S. 157. An act to confirm to the legal representatives of Joseph Dutaillis the location of a certain New Madrid certificate.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Putnam: The petition of J. W. Nye, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying indemnity for loss sustained by him, by the non-fulfilment of a contract made with the House of Representatives to furnish, for the use of the 28th Congress, horses and carryalls: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Speaker: The memorial of citizens of the State of Massachusetts, praying Congress to pass a law providing for the purchase of the Mount Vernon estate by the general government: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

And then, on motion of Mr. Robert W. Johnson, the House, at 3 o'clock and twenty minutes, p. m , adjourned until Monday next, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

MONDAY, JULY 17, 1848.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of making the bill from the Senate (No. 201) for the repair of the dam in the Ohio river, at Cumberland island, the special order, and to be continued from day to day until disposed of: which motion was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Cocke offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to inform this House what amount of public moneys have been respectively paid to Lewis Cass and Zachary Taylor, from the time of their first entrance into the public service up to this time, distinguishing between *regular* and *extra* compensation; that he also state what amount of extra compensation has been claimed by either; the items comprising the same; when filed; and when and by whom allowed; if disallowed, when and by whom, and the reasons for such disallowance; and whether or not any items so disallowed were subsequently presented for payment; and if allowed, when and by whom.

The said resolution was read; and the question was stated on agreeing thereto: when

Mr. Cocke moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And decided in the affirmative.

Subsequently, Mr. James G. Hampton moved that the vote upon the resolution be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Bowlin, by leave, introduced a joint resolution (No. 34) relinquishing to the State of Missouri certain trophies of Doniphan's victorious expedition: which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The resolution being engrossed, was thereupon, by unanimous consent, read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

Mr. Daniel offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House a copy of the proceedings of the court of inquiry in Mexico touching the matter which led to the dismissal from the public service of Lieutenants Josiah S. Bender and George E. B. Singletary, of the North Carolina regiment of volunteers; and all the correspondence between the War Department and Generals Taylor and Wool in relation to the same.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb moved to amend the same by adding at the end thereof the following: "and that two clerks be appointed for the purpose of performing that duty at the department, and to be discharged when the same is completed:" which amendment was decided in the negative; and

The resolution as presented was then agreed to.

Mr. Gayle moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to present a resolution discharging the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union from the consideration of the bill (No. 494) to grant portions of the public lands to the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company, and that the same be put on its passage: which motion was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Meade moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce a joint resolution in relation to the transportation of the great southern mail over the Richmond and Fredericksburg railroad: which motion was disagreed to—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. Nathan Evans, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what reduction can be made in the expenditures of the Navy Department in time of peace, consistently with the interest of the public service; and that they report the result of such inquiry to this House at as early a day as practicable.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 212. An act for the relief of William T. Holland;

H. R. No. 154. An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1849;

S. No. 215. An act for the relief of José Argote Villalobos, Maria Rose, François Felix, Marquis de Fougeres, or their legal representatives;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Mr. Kaufman moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of *taking up and disposing of* the bill to establish certain post routes.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas ..... 101 / Nays ..... 75

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb | Mr. James S. Green |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | William M. Cocke | David Hammons |
| Ausburn Birdsall | Jacob Collamer | Hugh A. Haralson |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | William Collins | Samson W. Harris |
| Linn Boyd | Harmon S. Conger | William Henry |
| Nathaniel Boydon | John H. Crozier | Hugh L. W. Hill |
| Richard Brodhead | John D. Cummins | George S. Houston |
| William G. Brown | John R. J. Daniel | Samuel W. Inge |
| Albert G. Brown | Mason C. Darling | Charles J. Ingersoll |
| Armistead Burt | Rudolphus Dickinson | Alfred Iverson |
| E. Carrington Cabell | James J. Faran | Timothy Jenkins |
| Charles W. Cathcart | Winfield S. Featherston | Andrew Johnson |
| John G. Chapman | Orlando B. Ficklin | James H. Johnson |
| Lucien B. Chase | Thomas S. Flournoy | Robert W. Johnson |
| Franklin Clark | George Fries | George W. Jones |
| Beverly L. Clark | Andrew S. Fulton | David S. Kaufman |
| Howell Cobb | William L. Goggin | William Kennon, jr. |

Mr. Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
William A. Newell
Mr. Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Mr. James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John Dickey
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Gayle
Mr. Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
Horace Mann
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Andrew Stewart
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of making House bill (No. 412) to provide for the settlement of claims against the United States, the special order of the day for Friday next; to continue on Fridays and Saturdays until finally disposed of.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. John W. Houston,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw the papers in the case of Michael Michlin.

On motion of Mr. Burt, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the President be requested to cause to be communicated to this House a statement of the number of Indians in Oregon, California, and New Mexico; the number of military posts that will be necessary in each; the number of troops to garrison each

post; and the whole military force which should constitute the peace establishment.

On motion of Mr. Hilliard, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the President be requested to communicate to this House (if not inconsistent with the public interest) copies of all instructions given to the Hon. Ambrose H. Sevier and Nathan Clifford, commissioners appointed to conduct negotiations for the ratification of the treaty lately concluded between the United States and the republic of Mexico.

On motion of Mr. Haralson, by leave,

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the House of Representatives to cause each member of the House to be furnished with a printed copy of all the acts and resolutions which may be passed by both Houses of Congress, and approved by the President, as soon as practicable after the same shall be severally approved.

On motion of Mr. White, it was

*Resolved*, That the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of Senate bill No. 246, reviving certain naval pensions for the term of five years, and extending the benefits of existing laws respecting naval pensions to engineers, firemen, and coalheavers in the navy, and to their widows.

The House accordingly proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, when the amendment thereto reported from the Committee on Naval Affairs was read and agreed to; and

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The amendment being engrossed, the bill was read the third time, and passed.

The title to the said bill was then read and amended, by striking out of the same the words "*for the term of five years.*"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment.

Mr. Lahm moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Territories be instructed to inquire into the expediency of setting off the whole, or so much of the territory acquired by the late treaty with Mexico, west of the river Bravo, as shall be thought necessary, for the purpose of forming a colony for the free black population of the United States, and such slaves as shall from time to time be manumitted by their owners; and that said committee also inquire into the expediency of making a donation, or, for a certain compensation, selling a certain number of acres of land to every free black person who shall, within any specified number of years, voluntarily emigrate to said territory; also, into the propriety of holding said territory a certain number of years as a colony of the United States, previous to transferring the sovereignty thereof to those resident therein.

The said resolution was read; and the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended for the purpose aforesaid?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The memorial of the heirs of Francis L. B. Goodwin, late a surgeon's mate in the army of the revolution, praying payment of the commutation pay due the said deceased: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Collins: The memorial of Phebe Walter, of Jefferson county, in the State of New York, widow of Martin Walter, deceased, praying for a pension on account of the services of her late husband during the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Edwards: The memorial of the heirs of L. A. Wolfley, deceased, late surgeon in the navy, praying for pecuniary aid on account of the premature death of the said Wolfley from exposure while in the service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. Marsh: Documents from Little & Brown, proposing to furnish a continuation of their edition of the Laws of the United States: which was referred to the Commitee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. John W. Houston: The memorial of the president and directors of the Navy Yard Bridge Company, praying that the proposed appropriation for the purchase of the bridges across the Eastern branch may be increased to an amount sufficient to cover the full value of said bridges: which was ordered to be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Alexander Evans, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill of the House (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th June, 1849, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Haralson moved that the vote on agreeing to the resolution this day offered by him, respecting the furnishing of members with printed copies of the laws, be reconsidered; which motion was postponed for the present.

Mr. Vinton moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to offer the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the House will this day take a recess of its session from the hour of adjournment to 7 o'clock, p. m.;

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Clingman,

The House, at 4 o'clock and seven minutes, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## TUESDAY, JULY 18, 1848.

Mr. Botts, from the conference on the part of the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments to the bill of the House (No. 429) entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes,'" made the following report:

The committee of conference on the part of the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (No. 429) entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes,'" report:

That they have met the conferees on the part of the Senate, and after free and full conference on the subject of the disagreeing votes, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to the respective Houses as follows:

1. That the Senate recede from its amendment to the first section of the bill, striking out the word "repealed, &c.," and agree that the section stand as originally passed by the House, with a proviso herewith reported.

2. That the Senate recede from its amendment proposed as the second section of the bill, and agree to adopt in lieu thereof the sections herewith reported as the second, third, and fourth sections of the bill.

3. That the House recede from its amendment proposed as the third section to the bill, and agree to adopt in lieu thereof the section herewith reported as the fifth section of the bill.

4. That the two Houses do agree to adopt the bill herewith reported, embodying the agreements of their respective committees of conference on the disagreeing votes on House bill No. 429.

JOHN M. BOTTS,
ARMISTEAD BURT,
ROBERT M. McLANE,
*Conferees on the part of the House.*

THOMAS H. BENTON,
JEFFERSON DAVIS,
REVERDY JOHNSON,
*Conferees on the part of the Senate.*

"An act to amend an act entitled 'An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes.'"

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the proviso of the first section of an act approved the eighteenth day of June,

one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, in the following words: "That when the war with Mexico shall be terminated by a definitive treaty of peace, duly concluded and ratified, the number of major generals in the army shall be reduced to one, and the number of brigadier generals shall be reduced to two; and the President of the United States is authorized and directed to select from the whole number which may then be in office, without regard to the date of their commissions, the number to be retained, and cause the remainder to be discharged from the service of the United States," be, and the same is hereby repealed: *Provided*, That no vacancy happening in the grade of general officer shall be filled up until the number is reduced to one major general and two brigadier generals.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the existing laws as requires the discharge at the close of the war with Mexico of one additional major to each of the regiments of dragoons, artillery, infantry, and riflemen in the army of the United States, who were appointed or promoted under the third section of the act, passed the eleventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of said act, passed on the eleventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, as requires the discharge at the close of the war with Mexico of two additional surgeons and twelve additional assistant surgeons, as authorized by the eight section of said act; four quartermasters and ten assistant quartermasters, as authorized by the tenth section of said act, and so much of the act of the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, as requires the discharge at the close of the war with Mexico of an assistant adjutant general, with the rank, pay, &c., of a lieutenant colonel of cavalry, and two assistant adjutants general, with the brevet rank, pay, &c., of a captain of cavalry, as authorized by the second section of the said act of the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and the two deputy paymasters, as authorized by the twelfth section of the last mentioned act, the two principal musicians allowed to each regiment of artillery by the eighteenth section of the said last mentioned act, be and the same is hereby, repealed: *Provided*, That no vacancy happening under the provisions so repealed shall be filled up until further authorized by law: *And, provided further*, That the ten additional paymasters appointed in virtue of the said foregoing act of the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, shall be retained in service until the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all the officers of the old army who received appointments in any of the additional regiments raised for the war with Mexico, shall be restored to their former regiments or corps, and rank as additional officers of the respective grades to which they would have succeeded and to which they shall succeed, in virtue of their former commission: *Provided*,

That such officers so restored shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate: *And, provid* That the next vacancy happening in such grade of such regiments or corps to which they succeed shall not be filled.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, engaged in the military service of the United States in the war with Mexico, and who served out the term of their engagement, or have been or may be honorably discharged, and first to the widows, second to the children, third to the parents, and fourth to the brothers and sisters of such who have been killed in battle, or who died in service, or who having been honorably discharged, have since died, or may hereafter die, without receiving the three months' pay herein provided for, shall be entitled to receive three months' extra pay: *Provided*, That this provision of this fifth section shall only apply to those who have been in actual service during the war."

The said report was read; and the question was stated on agreeing thereto: when

Mr. BOTTS moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: "Will the House agree to the report of the conference?"

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 150 / Nays ..... 30

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan

Mr. George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll

Mr. Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie

Mr. John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Mr. Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Mr. Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
John Blanchard
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Howell Cobb
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Nathan Evans
Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
Daniel Gott
David Hammons
William Henry
John W. Houston
Charles Hudson
Timothy Jenkins
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
Mr. Frederick W. Lord
Horace Mann
Joseph Mullin
Charles H. Peaslee
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Eliakim Sherrill
Caleb B. Smith
George A. Starkweather
Robert Toombs

Mr. Botts moved that the last vote be reconsidered; and that his said motion to reconsider be laid on the table: which motion was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk inform the Senate thereof.

Mr. Peaslee, by leave, presented a memorial of Edmund Burke, Commissioner of the Patent Office, in relation to certain charges preferred against him by Thomas G. Clinton, an assistant examiner in the Patent Office, and soliciting a thorough and searching investigation into the truth of said charges: which memorial was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Farrelly moved that the Committee on Patents, in investigating the charges mentioned in said memorial, have leave to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Goggin moved that the vote on the reference of said memorial to the Committee on Patents be reconsidered, and that said memorial be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which motion was agreed to; and

The question recurred on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Farrelly; and being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Haralson,

The House proceeded to the consideration of his motion to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution of yesterday, directing the Clerk of the House to furnish the members thereof with printed copies of the laws as soon as practicable after the same shall be approved;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

And thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Haralson, it was

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be referred to the Committee on Printing, with instructions to ascertain the probable expense of such printing and distribution of the laws, and to report on the expediency of the same.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll: The memorial of citizens of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the survey of a road for a post route between Philadelphia and New York; such road to be under the perpetual control of the Union.

By Mr. Harmanson: The petition of citizens of Catahoula, Rapides, and Natchitoches, in the State of Louisiana, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Harrisonburg to Natchitoches.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. Tallmadge: The memorial of Everett and Battelle, praying that the sum paid to the collector of customs in the city of New York, on account of having shipped a foreign crew on board the "American barque Rosalba," at Montevideo, be refunded: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Marsh: The memorial of Gideon Nye, jr., praying Congress to purchase a collection of paintings, "works of the old masters," obtained by him in England: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President bills of the following titles:

H. R. No. 154. An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th June, 1849.

H. R. No. 212. An act for the relief of William T. Holland.

S. No. 215. An act for the relief of Jose Argote Villalobos, Marie Rose, Francois Felix, Marquis de Fougeres, or their legal heirs or representatives.

On motion of Mr. Vinton the House then resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Root reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill of the House No. 298, making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th June, 1849, and for other purposes, had agreed to the same, with amendments, and directed him to report the same to the House.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, and the question was stated on agreeing to the said amendments; when Mr. Vinton moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put; and all of the said

amendments were read, and those to which no objection was made were severally agreed to.

The first of the said amendments to which objection was made is as follows:

Insert in line 24th of printed bill, after the word "representatives," the following: "And including the compensation of a clerk to the Sergeant-at-Arms, at the rate of four dollars per day, during the present session."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 110 / Nays ..... 52

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Hiram Belcher
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
John W. Farrelly
Mr. Winfield S. Featherston
George Fries
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
Dudley S. Gregory
Nathan K. Hall
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Robert W. Johnson
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Charles S. Morehead
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
Mr. James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Kingsley S. Bingham
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Aylett Buckner
Charles W. Cathcart
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
John H. Crozier
Mr. Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Mr. Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Samuel W. Inge
James H. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland

Mr. Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury

Mr. R. Barnwell Rhett
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson

Mr. Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable.

Mr. Vinton moved that the last vote be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

The following amendment was then read, as follows:

Insert between the 36th and 37th line of printed bill the following: "For the purchase of the unpublished papers of Thomas Jefferson, late President of the United States, twenty thousand dollars; and for the purchase of the manuscript papers of the late Alexander Hamilton, twenty thousand dollars."

Mr. Howell Cobb called for a division of the question upon the said amendment.

The Speaker decided that the clause having been reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, as *a whole*, it could not be divided.

From this decision Mr. Cobb appealed.

And the question being put, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?"

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The question recurred on agreeing to the said amendment.

And being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 72 / Nays ..... 98 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott

Mr. Dudley S. Gregory
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nes
William A. Newell

Mr. John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Caleb B. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Thomas O. Edwards
Mr. Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Mr. Job Mann
George P. Marsh
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
Gideon Reynolds
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

The following amendment was then read:

Insert between lines 547 and 548 of printed bill the following:

"For annual repairs of the Capitol; attendance on furnaces in the crypt; attendance on water closets; cleaning rotunda; for public gardener and laborers, and cartage on the Capitol grounds; tools; wire; twine; leather; nails; chains and posts; boxes; straw; whitewashing; manure; trees for grounds; attendance at the western gate of the Capitol; repairs of public stables; flagging; enclosures, &c.; keeping in order the iron pipes that convey water to the Capitol and public offices, and repairing damage by freshets; brooms; brushes; wooden spades, and shoveling snow; erecting a suitable building for the keeper of the western gate; repairing western front of the Capitol; repairing abutments of Tiber creek bridge, and building protecting walls; painting exterior wood work of the Capitol, and iron fences around the same; altering and enclosing wooden stairway from the roof of the Capitol to the opening in the dome; erecting iron fence on Pennsylvania avenue enclosing a part of the public grounds at the President's House; for enclosing public grounds at the north and south of the Capitol, at the western front of the Capitol, and the public grounds at the south front of the President's House, with wooden fences; grading said grounds; for suitable trees for planting nursery, seventeen thousand five hundred and ninety-seven dollars and fifty cents.

"For lighting Pennsylvania avenue, from the Capitol square to

the Treasury Department, and compensation for one lamp-lighter for the same, one thousand six hundred and thirty-five dollars.

"For annual repairs of the President's House; gardener and laborers; manure; leather; nails; tools; cartage, &c., for the grounds about the same; repairs of the fence at Lafayette square, Fountain square, President's garden, and repairs of gardener's house, three thousand three hundred and sixty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents."

"For sprinkling Pennsylvania avenue during the sessions of Congress, one thousand dollars."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 91 / Nays ..... 81

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Richard L. T. Beale
Hiram Belcher
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Mr. Meredith P. Gentry
Dudley S. Gregory
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
William T. Haskell
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
Mr. George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
John I. Slingerland
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Kingsley S. Bingham
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Lynn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Chester Butler
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Mr. William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson

Mr. Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Job Mann
Mr. John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Ephraim K. Smart
Mr. Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Rumsey moved that the vote agreeing to the amendment relative to the expenditure of money for certain city purposes, under the direction of the mayor and common council, be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

The following amendment was read:

In line 856 of printed bill strike out "eighteen thousand dollars," and insert "nine thousand dollars: *Provided*, That, from and after the passage of this act, the person appointed by the electors of any State to deliver to the President of the Senate a list of votes for President and Vice President shall be allowed, on delivery of said list, twelve and a half cents for every mile of the estimated distance, by the most usual route, from the place of meeting of the electors for such State to the seat of government of the United States, going and returning. And all laws, or parts of laws, inconsistent with this provision are hereby repealed."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 89 / Nays ..... 88

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Hiram Belcher
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Chester Butler
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John D. Cummins
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Mr. James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
Mr. Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
William A. Newell
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor

Mr. Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Mr. John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Mr. Samuel F. Vinton
John Wentworth
William W. Wick.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Garnett Duncan
Nathan Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
David Hammons
Mr. James G. Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
T. Butler King
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
R. Barnwell Rhett
William Rockhill
J. Dixon Roman
Robert C. Schenck
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
William Strong
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
Cornelius Warren
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Vinton moved that the last mentioned vote be reconsidered, and that his said motion to reconsider be laid on the table: which motion was agreed to.

The following amendment was then read:

"For the purchase of a site for a custom-house in Charleston, South Carolina, one hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the sum of thirty thousand dollars already appropriated."

And the question being put, "Will the House agree thereto?"

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 88 / Nays ..... 71 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
John W. Farrelly
Thomas S. Flournoy
Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Dudley S. Gregory
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes

Mr. Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
Mr. John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Mr. Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
Cornelius Warren
William W. Wick
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. David Fisher
James S. Green
David Hammons
John H. Harmanson
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sere
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Mr. John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Hezekiah Williams.

Mr. Vinton moved that the last vote be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

The following amendment was read:

Strike out lines number 618, 619, 620, and 621, of printed bill, which are as follows:

"For removal of obstructions in the Savannah river, and the naval anchorage near Fort Pulaski, under the direction of the Secretary of War, fifty thousand dollars."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 86 / Nays ..... 83

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Mr. Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Mr. James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead

Mr. William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Garnett Duncan
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll

Mr. Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck

Mr. George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans

Mr. David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Dudley S. Gregory
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin

Mr. William Nelson
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Julius Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren.

Mr. Willard P. Hall moved to reconsider the last vote, and that his motion to reconsider be laid on the table: which was agreed to.

Mr. Dixon moved that the vote on the amendment (not objected to) to the clause relating to the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, and providing that the head of said bureau should be a post captain, be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid on the table: which was agreed to.

All the said amendments being disposed of,

The question was put, Shall the bill be engrossed, and read a third time,

And decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Vinton moved that the last mentioned vote be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid on the table: which motion was agreed to.

And then, on motion of Mr. Burt, the House, at 4 o'clock and ten minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the joint resolution of the House (No. 10) extending the time for the erection of certain light-houses, without amendment.

They have agreed to the amendment of the House to the bill of the Senate (No. 62) amending the act entitled "An act granting half-pay to widows or orphans, where their husbands and fathers have died of wounds received in the military service of the United States," in cases of deceased officers and soldiers of the militia and volunteers, passed July 4, 1836.

The Senate have agreed to the report of the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon the amendments to the bill of the House (No. 429) entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act supplemental to an act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes.

The President of the United States has notified the Senate that he did yesterday approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 305. An act to extend an act entitled "An act providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the several States and Territories, approved 3d August, 1846.

No. 157. An act to confirm to the legal representatives of Joseph Dutaillis the location of a certain New Madrid certificate.

And then the Secretary withdrew.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (S. No. 62) entitled "An act amending the act entitled 'an act granting half pay to widows or orphans where their husbands and fathers have died of wounds received in the military service of the United States,' " in cases of deceased officers and soldiers of the militia and volunteers, passed July 4, 1836, and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

At this stage of the business, Mr. Stephens rose and stated that yesterday he voted in the negative upon the following amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to the bill of the House (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and for other purposes.

Strike out lines number 618, 619, 620, and 621 of printed bill, which are as follows:

"For the removal of obstructions in the Savannah river and the naval anchorage near Fort Pulaski, under the direction of the Secretary of War, $50,000," and that his vote stands recorded in the affirmative, and he asked that his vote be corrected.

His said vote being corrected accordingly, the Speaker announced the vote upon the said amendment to be, yeas 85, nays 84.

Thereupon,

The Speaker voted in the negative, and the question was lost.

So the said provision stands as part of the bill.

Mr. Alexander Evans, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill (No. 395) for the relief of certain citizens of the county of Lowndes, in the State of Mississippi, reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be laid upon the table.

Mr. Alexander Evans, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 594) supplementary to an act entitled "An act supplementary to an act entitled 'an act to encourage the introduction and promote the cultivation of tropical plants,'" approved 7th July, 1838: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Alexander Evans, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the resolutions and memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, and petitions of the citizens of township 22, range 28, in Barry county, and township 38, range 22, in Hickman county, in the State of Missouri, and the citizens of township 11 south, range 8 east, of Hardin county, in the State of Illinois, praying for a law permitting the selection of other lands in lieu of the sixteenth sections for school purposes: which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Alexander Evans, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 595. A bill to grant land to the inhabitants of township 18 north, of ranges 1 and 2 west, of the 4th principal meridian of the State of Illinois, for school purposes;

No. 596. A bill to grant other land in lieu of the sixteenth section to the school commissioners of township 2 north, range 9 west, of the fourth principal meridian in the county of Adams, in the State of Illinois;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time *now;* and

The said bills being engrossed, were accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bills.

Mr. Alexander Evans, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 597) to grant unto the trustees of township 38 north, of range 5 east, in the county of Elkhart, and State of Indiana, so much public land as may, with the fractional sixteenth section therein,

make up an entire section: which bill was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time *now;* and

The said bill, being engrossed, was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Stephens, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 210) entitled "An act to confirm the location and to grant a quarter section of public land for the county site of Hillsborough county, State of Florida, reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill (No. 349) to grant a quantity of land to the State of Mississippi for the purpose of improving the navigation of certain rivers in that State, reported the same back without amendment, accompanied by a report in writing.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be laid upon the table, and that the bill and report be printed.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the memorial of the members of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to a donation of land for the improvement of the Sabine river: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 598) to grant the right of way through the public lands in the State of Alabama to the Girard Railroad Company, in said State: which bill was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, the reference of the said bill was reconsidered; and the question was stated on ordering it to be engrossed: when

Mr. Nathan K. Hall moved to amend the bill by striking out the last section thereof, which was disagreed to; and

The said bill was then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Farrelly, the vote on the resolution, yesterday, authorizing the Committee on Patents to send for persons and papers in the case of charges against the Commissioner of Patents, was reconsidered, and amended *by authorizing the committee to employ a clerk;* and then, as amended, agreed to by the House.

Mr. Goggin, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to which was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 154) entitled "An act for the relief of William B. Stokes," reported the same back with an amendment, accompanied by a report in writing.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the

Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lincoln, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 599) to establish certain post routes; which was read a first and second time: when

The same having been amended, on motion of Mr. Lincoln,

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put; and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Lincoln moved that the vote on the passage of the bill be reconsidered, and that the motion to reconsider do lie on the table; which was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. George W. Jones, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 167) entitled "An act for the relief of Alfred White," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The bill was accordingly read a third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Chapman, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 141) entitled "An act to authorize the sale of a part of public reservation numbered thirteen, in the city of Washington, and for other purposes," reported the same back with an amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill: when

The said amendment was read and agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

The amendment being engrossed, the bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported the following resolution; which was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be requested to make such rules and regulations, consistent with existing laws, as may more effectually provide against frauds upon soldiers of the war with Mexico, and secure to them the lands and treasury scrip to which they are entitled by their services.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 113) entitled "An act for the relief of Messrs. Cook, Anthony, Mahon, and others," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 209) entitled "An act for the relief of the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delin-

quents in the city of New York," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

And the bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 218) entitled "An act for the relief of the Central Railroad and Banking Company of Georgia," reported the same back without amendment.

Mr. Hammons moved that the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union: which was disagreed to; and it was then

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The bill was accordingly read a third time, and passed.

Mr. T. Butler King moved that the vote on the passage of the bill be reconsidered, and that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table: which was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate with the passage of the said bill.

Mr. Nathan K. Hall, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 599½. A bill to amend the act entitled "An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States," approved April 30, 1790;

No. 600. A bill providing for the purchase and distribution of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States among the several States and Territories;

which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Nathan K. Hall,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill No. 138, to establish a judicial district in the western part of the State of Arkansas, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Nathan K. Hall, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 36. An act to change the time of holding the terms of the circuit court of the United States in the district of Maine;

No. 293. An act to vest the title of the United States in the purchase of certain lands sold under the execution against Gordon D. Boyd;

reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Nathan K. Hall, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 19) entitled "An act to divide the district of Arkansas into two judicial districts," reported the same back with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Meade, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Henry Gardner and others, directors of an association called the New England Mississippi Land Company, accompanied by a bill (No. 601) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Meade, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Francis P. Ferreira, administrator of Francis Pass, deceased, recommending that his case be embraced in Senate bill No. 48, for the relief of Peter Capello and others: which report was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Taylor, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No 146) entitled "An act to provide compensation to William Woodbridge and Henry Chipman, for services in adjusting titles to land in Michigan, and for other purposes," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Taylor, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill No. 352, to change the place of holding the district court of the United States for the middle district of Alabama, and for other purposes, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Inge moved that the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And, after debate,

Mr. Burt moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill be engrossed, and read a third time?—the motion to commit being set aside by the previous question—

And decided in the affirmative.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, stating that he did, on the 17th instant, approve and sign a bill (No. 257) entitled "An act to amend an act approved the twenty-fourth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, entitled 'An act supplementary to an act approved on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, entitled 'An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices.'' "

On motion of Mr. Daniel P. King,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Elijah W. Brown, Lieutenant Jonathan Smith, Mary Scott, administratrix of Lieutenant John C. Scott, deceased, and of the heirs of Willis Wilson, and that the same be laid upon the table.

Mr. Daniel P. King, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made adverse reports on the memorial of the heirs of Nathaniel Tracy, and the petition of the heirs of Tona Hodge: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made a report upon the petition of Mary M. Telfair, heir and legal representative of Israel Pearce, accompanied by a bill (No. 602) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Iverson, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, to wit:

No. 603. A bill for the relief of the legal representative or representatives of Captain Charles Smith;

No. 604. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives or heirs of Captain John Mountjoy;

accompanied by reports in writing: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Morris, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of Dennis Purcell: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tompkins, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 350) of this House, entitled "An act supplemental to 'an act to confirm the survey and location of claims for lands in the State of Mississippi, east of the Pearl river and south of the thirty-first degree of north latitude,'" approved March 3, 1845, reported the same without amendment.

The House, by leave, proceeded to the consideration of the said bill: when

The said amendment of the Senate was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Rumsey, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 79) entitled "An act for the relief of Jesse Turner," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Rumsey, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of George W. Kincaid: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Abbot,

*Ordered*, That leave be granted to withdraw the petition and papers of Leonard Wardwell.

Mr. Slingerland, from the Committee on Agriculture, made a report upon the subject of agriculture: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Palfrey, from the same committee, to which was referred so much of the annual message of the President of the United States as relates to agriculture, made a report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barringer, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the resolution from the Senate (No. 16) entitled "A resolution to sanction an agreement made between the Wyandotts

and Delawares for the purchase of certain lands by the former of the latter tribe of Indians," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be read a third time to-day.

The said resolution was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Barringer, from the same committee, to which was referred resolution from the Senate (No. 13) entitled "A resolution for the relief of H. B. Gaither," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Barringer,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia for the civilization and preservation of the Indians; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Robert W. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of the legal representatives of the late William Armstrong, accompanied by a bill (No. 605) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill, report, and accompanying papers ordered to be printed.

Mr. McIlvaine, from the same committee, reported the following resolution; which was agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to inquire into the expediency of printing ten thousand additional copies of the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in relation to the organization of an Indian territory west of the Mississippi river.

Mr. Botts, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 190) entitled "An act for the payment of the fourth regiment in the second brigade of the third division of the Vermont militia, for services at the battle of Plattsburg," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Burt,

*Ordered*, That the same committee be discharged from the consideration of the petition of the "Old Fourth regiment," and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. T. Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 222) entitled "An act for the increase of the medical corps of the navy," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Isaac E. Holmes, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 606) for the creation and appointment of admirals in the navy of the United States: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stanton, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Jacob Boston, accompanied by a bill (No. 607) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stanton, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 17) entitled "An act directing the Secretary of the Navy to purchase from Dr. James P. Espy his patent-right for the conical ventilator for the use of the United States," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Schenck, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 608) to indemnify the officers and crews of vessels of war of the United States navy for losses by shipwreck, fire, and otherwise: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Sidney Lawrence,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Mary Cook, widow of John Cook, and from the petition of citizens of Brown county, Indiana, in behalf of William Tucker, and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Donnell, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made a report upon the petition of Eve Boggs, widow of John Boggs, accompanied by a bill (No. 609) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Donnell, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 87) entitled "An act granting a pension to Abigail Garland, widow of Jacob Garland, deceased,," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Donnell, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of John England: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Freedley, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 610. A bill for the relief of Hannah Kinney, widow of Amos Kinney;

No. 611. A bill for the relief of Joseph Dana;

accompanied by a report, in writing, in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the reports and bills ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred, on the 13th of June last, a report adverse to extending the provisions of the several laws to widows

of officers and soldiers who were married subsequent to 1794, with instructions to report *a bill* extending the provisions of existing laws granting pensions to the widows of officers or soldiers of the revolutionary war who were married prior to January 1, 1794, to the widows of such officers and soldiers who were married prior to January 1, 1800, reported a bill (No. 612) "for the relief of certain surviving widows of officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army;" which was read a first and second time: when

Mr. Sylvester moved to amend the bill by inserting "1812" in lieu of "1800."

And, after debate,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Cabell, and seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and the amendment moved by Mr. Sylvester was disagreed to.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

And being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time.

And the question, Shall it pass? being put, under the previous question moved by Mr. Pollock,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 129 / Nays ..... 38

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Daniel M. Barringer
Hiram Belcher
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly

Mr. David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
James H. Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine

Mr. Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm

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| Mr. Frederick A. Tallmadge | Mr. John B. Thompson | Mr. Cornelius Warren |
| John L. Taylor | Robert A. Thompson | John Wentworth |
| James H. Thomas | Benjamin B. Thurston | William W. Wick |
| James Thompson | Patrick W. Tompkins | Hezekiah Williams |
| Richard W. Thompson | Amos Tuck | David Wilmot. |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. Joshua R. Giddings | Mr. Henry Nicoll |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | Willard P. Hall | David Outlaw |
| Thomas S. Bocock | Samson W. Harris | R. Barnwell Rhett |
| James B. Bowlin | George S. Houston | Richard F. Simpson |
| Charles Brown | Alfred Iverson | Frederick P. Stanton |
| Armistead Burt | David S. Kaufman | William Strong |
| Howell Cobb | Thomas W. Ligon | Bannon G. Thibodeaux |
| William M. Cocke | William Pitt Lynde | Jacob Thompson |
| John R. J. Daniel | William B. Maclay | Robert Toombs |
| Mason C. Darling | James McDowell | Abraham W. Venable |
| Richard S. Donnell | James J. McKay | Daniel Wallace |
| Orlando B. Ficklin | Robert M. McLane | Joseph A. Woodward. |
| Meredith P. Gentry | Richard K. Meade | |

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Freedley, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 179) entitled "An act for the relief of Mary Taylor," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Freedley,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Anne Royal, widow of William Royal; and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that he had examined an enrolled bill (H. R. No. 429) entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'an act supplemental to an act entitled an act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico,' " and for other purposes, and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Mr. Cocke, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made a report upon the petition of Martha Dameron, widow of Christopher Tompkins, accompanied by a bill (No. 613) for her relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Cocke,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph Sloan; and that it be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Freedley,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Patience Corben and the affidavit of Richard Pattison; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Freedley, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made adverse reports upon the petitions of the heirs of David Avery,

Edward Shepard, John M. Roseberry, and Susannah Kimball: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Strong, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Andrew McKim, Robert Perry, heirs of Andrew Snyder, Abigail Edgerly, and Dickerson Lumpkin: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (No. 145) from the Senate entitled "An act granting a pension to John Clark;" and that it be referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Strong, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 92) entitled "An act for the relief of Thompson Hutchinson," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be laid upon the table.

Mr. Hammons, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 133) entitled "An act for the relief of Welcome Parmenter," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Sylvester, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the petition of the heirs of Joseph Plumb: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Sylvester,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Elizabeth C. Fitzhugh, widow of Peregrine Fitzhugh; and that it be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Sylvester,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw the papers in the last mentioned case.

The papers were forthwith delivered to Mr. Sylvester.

Mr. Cummins, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 91) entitled "An act for the relief of Elizabeth Jones and the other children (if any) of John Carr," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be laid upon the table, and the accompanying report be printed.

Under the rule, Mr. Fulton handed to the clerk a notice for leave to introduce "a bill to authorize the payment of invalid pensions, in certain cases."

Under the rule, Mr. Collins handed to the clerk a notice of leave to introduce "a bill to prohibit slavery in the territories of Oregon, New Mexico, and California, and all other territories which the United States may hereafter acquire."

Mr. T. Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, re-reported a joint resolution (No. 35) "relative to steam navigation:" which was read a first and second time.

And, after debate,

Mr. McClelland moved that the resolution be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And after further debate,

Mr. Cabell moved that the House proceed to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table: which motion was decided in the negative.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. McClelland: when

Mr. T. Butler King moved the previous question.

Mr. Vinton moved that the resolution be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Bowlin moved that the last mentioned vote be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 614. A bill for the relief of Susanna Prentiss;

No. 615. A bill for the relief of Thos. R. Saunders;

No. 616. A bill for the relief of Sylvanus Blodget;

No. 617. A bill for the relief of Aaron Stafford;

accompanied by reports in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Fulton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Darius Hawkins and Henry R. Wendell; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the bill of the Senate (No. 175) entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Moses White," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The bill was accordingly read a third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Fulton, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill (No. 135) from the Senate entitled "An act for the relief of David N. Smith," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that he did this day present to the President of the United States an enrolled bill (H. R. No. 429) entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'an act supplemental to an act entitled an act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico,'" and for other purposes.

Mr. Stuart, of Michigan, moved that the vote by which the House this day refused to strike out, in the bill (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849—the provision for removing obstructions in the Savannah river—be reconsidered.

The Speaker stated, that under the peculiar circumstances of the case, it was very questionable whether such a motion could be entertained consistently with the rules of the House. By general consent, the question might lie over until the morning, when he would decide it after an examination of the precedents.

And thereupon, the question was informally passed over.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved, at two minutes before 4 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn: which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Fulton moved that the vote on the reference, this day, of the bill from the Senate (No. 135) for the relief of David N. Smith, be reconsidered: which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Collins moved, at 4 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn: which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Vinton, by unanimous consent, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was recommitted, on the 26th of June last, the bill (No. 155) making appropriations for the support of the army and of volunteers for the year ending 30th June, 1849, reported a bill (No. 618) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending 30th June, 1849: which was read a first and second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 4 o'clock and two minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## THURSDAY, July 20, 1848.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled joint resolution and bill of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 10. Joint resolution extending the time for the erection of certain light-houses;

S. No. 210. An act to confirm the location and grant a quarter section of public lands for the county site of Hillsborough county, State of Florida;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said resolution and bill.

The Speaker announced, as the business first in order, the motion made yesterday by Mr. Stuart, to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday (on the correction of Mr. Stephens's vote) decided that the provision relative to the removal of obstructions in the Savannah river, in the bill (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and for other purposes, was not struck out.

The Speaker said he would proceed to decide the question of order raised last evening upon the motion of the gentleman from Michigan, (Mr. Stuart.)

Mr. King, of Georgia, rose to a question of order, and submitted that the gentleman from Michigan could not make the motion to reconsider, having voted for the motion to strike out.

The Speaker said he would decide that point with the other, and prodeeded to state the question. It was well known to the House

that the item in the civil and diplomatic appropriation bill which provided for the removal of obstructions in the Savannah river had been struck out in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, and that the vote in the House upon concurring in that amendment was reported on the record yeas 86 nays 83. Of course the amendment was adopted and the appropriation struck out. Yesterday, however, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Stephens) rose and stated that his vote was wrongly entered, that he voted "aye" instead of "no," and called for a correction, which was accorded to him as his right. The vote was then reported yeas 85, nays 84. A case then arose under the rule, in which it was the duty of the Speaker to settle the question; the Speaker voted in the negative, making the vote yeas 85, nays 85, whereby the amendment was rejected and the original item as contained in the bill reported by the Committee of Ways and Means was retained. In the mean time, however, the bill had been ordered to be engrossed; a motion had been made to reconsider the vote ordering the engrossment, and that motion had been laid on the table. The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. Stuart) had then raised the question of reconsideration, and moved that the vote by which the House had rejected the amendment of the Committee of the Whole, upon the correction of the Journal and by the casting vote of the Speaker, be reconsidered. A question was then made whether the motion to reconsider could be received.

The Chair now decided that, inasmuch as when the House ordered the bill to be engrossed a provision was not in it which was afterwards put in by the casting vote of the Speaker, the House was entitled to a new vote upon the engrossment. The question then arose upon the motion to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected. Upon that question the Chair had found but one precedent, being that to which he had last evening referred:

"December 14, 1839. Mr. Mercer, who voted in the affirmative of the question, moved that the House do reconsider the vote of yesterday on the proposition of Mr. Wise, 'That the credentials of the following named members: John B. Aycrigg, John P. B. Maxwell, Wm. Halstead, Charles C. Stratton, and Thomas Yorke,' are sufficient to entitle them to take their seats in the House; leaving the question of contested election to be afterwards decided by the House."

"The Chairman decided, that as the vote proposed to be reconsidered was a *tie* vote, in consequence of which the proposition was lost, he did not consider the motion in order. The rule provides that 'when a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the *majority* to move for the reconsideration thereof.' There was no majority on either side of the question; and he did not, therefore, think the rule applied to the case. No motion to reconsider a *tie-vote* would be in order on either side."

[The record further states that an appeal being taken by Mr. Mercer, the decision of the Chair was sustained: Yeas 147, nays 64.]

The Chair would state to the House, however, that this decision was made under very peculiar circumstances, arising out of the case of the contested election from New Jersey, and while there was no regularly elected Speaker in the chair. The Chair had no hesitation in saying he differed from the decision in this case. His own opinion was, that a fair construction of the rule was that any one who voted with the *prevailing side* had the right to move a reconsideration. This he thought was the spirit of the rule.

The Chair, therefore, decided that the motion to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected could be made, but must be made by a gentleman who had voted with the prevailing side; if, therefore, the gentleman from Michigan had voted in the negative that motion was in order.

Mr. Stuart not having voted with the majority, was precluded from moving the said reconsideration.

Thereupon,

Mr. Franklin Clark, who had voted in the negative, moved that the vote by which the provision for removal of obstructions in the Savannah river was retained in the said bill, (No. 298,) be reconsidered.

Mr. Burt rose to inquire whether, in order to get at the question of reconsideration, it was not necessary that the House, by its vote, should refuse to order the bill to be engrossed?

The Speaker said the question of engrossment, owing to these mistakes, was now open; and after the reconsideration shall have been disposed of, the question would recur on the engrossment of the bill.

Mr. Kaufman moved the previous question: when

Mr. Pollock moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

Mr. Chase moved that there be a call of the House.

And the question being put, Shall there be a call?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 85 / Nays ..... 95 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Mr. William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Thomas O. Edwards
Winfield S. Featherston
George Fries
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Samuel W. Inge
Alfred Iverson
Mr. John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
George Petrie

Mr. Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Augustine H. Shepperd
Frederick P. Stanton
Mr. David A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Mr. Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Henry Bedinger
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
Mr. John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Mr. Henry Nes
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
John Pettit
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Pollock, that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 94 / Nays ..... 92

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Mr. Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Mr. George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry

Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Mr. Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
Mr. David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepherd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Garnett Duncan
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green
Mr. Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

The question recurred on again ordering the said bill to be engrossed, which was stated: when

Mr. Vinton moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and the said bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time *now*.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when

Mr. Clingman moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas,..... 78
Nays,..... 100

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringar
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
William Nelson
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
Mr. David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Meredith P. Gentry
Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
Mr. John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nes
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
Harvey Putnam
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
John Strohm
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the vote upon the passage of the said bill be reconsidered.

Mr. Pettit moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 22 / Nays ..... 152

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. William G. Brown
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John Crowell
George G. Dunn
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. John H. Harmanson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William T. Lawrence
John A. McClernand
John Pettit
Mr. Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
John Strohm
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Hiram Belcher
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John H Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Mr. David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Joshua R Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
Mr. William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens

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| Mr. Andrew Stewart | Mr. James Thompson | Mr. Cornelius Warren |
| Charles E. Stuart | Robert A. Thompson | John Wentworth |
| William Strong | Benjamin B. Thurston | William W. Wick |
| Frederick A. Tallmadge | Patrick W. Tompkins | James S. Wiley |
| John L. Taylor | John Van Dyke | Hezekiah Williams |
| Bannon G. Thibodeaux | Samuel F. Vinton | Joseph A. Woodward. |
| James H. Thomas | Daniel Wallace | |

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Howell Cobb, to reconsider the vote on the passage on the bill.

And, after debate,

On motion of Mr. Stephens,

The House, at 4 o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1848.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills: which motion was decided in the negative.

Mr. Darling, by leave, presented a resolution of the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin, relative to a change of the grant, made in the act of August 6, 1846, of all salt springs in said State not exceeding twelve in number;

Also, a resolution relative to the military reserve at Fort Winnebago.

*Ordered*, That the said resolutions be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Darling, by leave, presented a resolution of the Legislature of Wisconsin, instructing their Senators and requesting their Representatives to use their influence to insert into the organic act for the government of any new territory, already acquired or hereafter to be acquired, that is now free, an ordinance forever prohibiting the introduction of slavery or involuntary servitude into said territory, except as a punishment for crime, of which the party shall have been duly convicted according to law.

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be laid upon the table, and printed.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Lewis McKenzie, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the joint resolution of the House (No. 34) relinquishing to the State of Missouri certain trophies of Doniphan's victorious expedition, without amendment.

The Senate have agreed to the amendments of the House to the bill of the Senate (No. 281) to revive an act authorizing certain soldiers in the late war with Great Britain to surrender bounty lands drawn by them, and to locate others in lieu thereof.

The Senate have been notified by the President of the United States that he did yesterday approve and sign a bill entitled "An act for the relief of Jose Argote Villalobos, Marie Rose, François Felix, Marquis de Fougeres, or their heirs or legal representatives."

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Atkinson: The memorial of John C. P. Edwards, praying Congress to pass an act authorizing him to institute suit against the United States to recover damages sustained by him for the breach of a covenant: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Tuck: The memorial of citizens of Coos county, in the State of New Hampshire, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Pittsburg, to intersect with Canaan routes: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday present to the President of the United States a bill of the Senate (No. 62) entitled "An act amending the act entitled 'An act granting half pay to widows or orphans where their husbands and fathers have died of wounds received in the military service of the United States in cases of deceased officers and soldiers of the militia and volunteers, passed July 4, 1846.' "

The House resumed the consideration of the motion made yesterday, and pending when the House adjourned, to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday refused to pass the bill (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and for other purposes;

And, after debate,

The previous question was moved by Mr. Alexander Evans, and seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: *Will the House reconsider the vote by which it refused, on Thursday last, to pass the bill* (*H. R. No.* 298) "*making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the* 30*th June*, 1849, *and for other purposes?*"

And decided in the affirmative.

The question recurred on the passage of the bill: when

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the vote taken on Thursday last, on ordering the said bill to be engrossed, be reconsidered; which was stated: when

Mr. Howell Cobb moved the previous question;

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at five minutes past 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## SATURDAY, July 22, 1848.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined bills and resolutions—

S. No. 167. An act for the relief of Alfred White;

S. No. 209. An act for the relief of the society for the reformation of juvenile delinquents in the city of New York;

S. No. 218. An act for the relief of the Central Railroad and Banking Company of Georgia;

S. No. 281. An act to revive an act authorizing certain soldiers in the late war with Great Britain to surrender bounty lands drawn by them, and to locate others in lieu thereof;

S. No. 16. A resolution to sanction an agreement made between the Wyandotts and Delawares for the purchase of certain lands by the former of the latter tribe of Indians;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 219) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, with amendments; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

They have agreed to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (No. 141) to authorize the sale of a part of public reservation numbered 13, in the city of Washington, and for other purposes.

And then he withdrew.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Vinton, it was

*Ordered*, That the said amendments of the Senate to the said bill (No. 219) be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Cabell, the House proceeded to the consideration of bills and resolutions from the Senate upon the Speaker's table: when

The bill (No. 321) entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make a compromise and settlement with the securities of Francis D. Newcomb, late surveyor general of the State of Louisiana, was read a first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time.

And thereupon,

The said bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill (No. 314) to facilitate international exchanges, was read a first and second time: when

Mr. Root moved that the bill be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 79 / Nays..... 95

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. Harmon S. Conger | Mr. James S. Green |
| Thomas H. Bayly | John H. Crozier | Willard P. Hall |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | John D. Cummins | David Hammons |
| Ausburn Birdsall | John R. J. Daniel | Hugh A. Haralson |
| Thomas S. Bocock | John Dickey | Samson W. Harris |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | Rudolphus Dickinson | Hugh L. W. Hill |
| Lynn Boyd | James Dixon | Henry W. Hilliard |
| Armistead Burt | Daniel Duncan | George S. Houston |
| Charles W. Cathcart | Nathan Evans | Samuel D. Hubbard |
| Lucien B. Chase | James J. Faran | Alexander Irvin |
| Beverly L. Clark | Winfield S. Featherston | Alfred Iverson |
| Howell Cobb | Orlando B. Ficklin | John Jamieson |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | John Gayle | Andrew Johnson |
| William M. Cocke | Daniel Gott | Robert W. Johnson |

Mr. John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Mr. Richard K. Meade
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Mr. Ephraim K. Smart
Truman Smith
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William Collins
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
Mason C. Darling
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Alexander Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Dudley S. Gregory
Mr. Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
John H. Harmanson
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Charles Hudson
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
T. Butler King
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin.
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Mr. George Petrie
John Pettit
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Caleb B. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Goggin,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

The bill from the Senate (No. 300) entitled "An act to make Bangor a port of entry for ships or vessels coming from and beyond the Cape of Good Hope, was read a first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

And thereupon,

The said bill was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Bills and resolutions of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 32. A resolution authorizing the submission of certain claims to arbitration;

No. 34. A resolution concerning the distribution of the statutes at large;

No. 8. An act further to carry into effect the provisions and stipulations of the ninth article of the Florida treaty with respect to certain losses of Spanish subjects in West Florida;

No. 315. An act for the payment of liquidated claims against Mexico;

No. 320. An to change the time of holding the circuit and district courts in the State of Kentucky;

No. 294. An act making appropriations for light-houses, light-boats, buoys, &c., and providing for the erection and establishment of the same;

were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 32. To the Committee on Private Land Claims.

No. 34. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 8. To the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

No. 315. To the Committee of Ways and Means.

No. 320. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 294. To the Committee on Commerce.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 482) to establish a collection district in the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes, were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution from the Senate (No. 22) "to authorize and require a renewal of a contract for carrying the mail;" the question being on the motion made by Mr. Goggin that it be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads: when

Mr. Goggin withdrew his said motion.

The question then recurred on ordering the said resolution to a third reading: when

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles, viz:

No. 34. A joint resolution relinquishing to the State of Missouri certain trophies of Doniphan's victorious expedition;

S. No. 175. An act for the relief of the heirs of Moses White;

S. No. 141. An act to authorize the sale of a part of public reservation numbered 13, in the city of Washington, and for other purposes;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said joint resolution and bills.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Howell Cobb,

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and for other purposes; which was pending when the House adjourned yesterday.

The question being on the motion made yesterday by Mr. Howell Cobb, to reconsider the vote on ordering the said bill to be engrossed; upon which motion the previous question was moved yes-

terday by Mr. Howell Cobb, and pending when the House adjourned.

Mr. Clingman moved that the said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 99 / Nays ..... 88

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Mr. Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
John B. Thompson
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
Mr. John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Mr. Robert W. Johnson
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris

Mr. Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Mr. William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Mr. Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the House refused to reconsider.

The question recurred on the passage of the bill, which was stated: when

Mr. T. Butler King moved the previous question, which was seconed; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 108 / Nays ..... 78

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
Mr. John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Mr. Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
John B. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Mr. Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Mr. Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd

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| Mr. William G. Brown | Mr. George S. Houston | Mr. George Petrie |
| Albert G. Brown | Samuel W. Inge | John Pettit |
| Armistead Burt | Alfred Iverson | Samuel O. Peyton |
| Charles W. Cathcart | John Jamieson | Timothy Pillsbury |
| Lucien B. Chase | Andrew Johnson | William A. Richardson |
| Franklin Clark | Robert W. Johnson | Thomas Richey |
| Beverly L. Clark | David S. Kaufman | William Rockhill |
| Howell Cobb | William Kennon, jr. | Joseph M. Root |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | Samuel Lahm | William Sawyer |
| John D. Cummins | Emile La Sère | Richard F. Simpson |
| Mason C. Darling | Sidney Lawrence | Ephraim K. Smart |
| Rudolphus Dickinson | Thomas W. Ligon | George A. Starkweather |
| George N. Eckert | Frederick W. Lord | James H. Thomas |
| James J. Faran | John H. Lumpkin | Jacob Thompson |
| Winfield S. Featherston | William Pitt Lynde | Robert A. Thompson |
| George Fries | John A. McClernand | William Thompson |
| James S. Green | James McDowell | Thomas J. Turner |
| Willard P. Hall | James J. McKay | Abraham W. Venable |
| David Hammons | Job Mann | Daniel Wallace |
| Hugh A. Haralson | Richard K. Meade | John Wentworth |
| John H. Harmanson | John K. Miller | James S. Wiley |
| Samson W. Harris | Jonathan D. Morris | Hezekiah Williams |
| Hugh L. W. Hill | Charles H. Peaslee | Joseph A. Woodward. |

So the said bill was passed.

Mr. Schenck moved that the vote on the passage be reconsidered.

And, after debate,

Mr. T. Butler King moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; which motion was agreed to.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Wentworth: The petition of F. Schaeffer, of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, and other citizens in his behalf, praying that the money paid by him for medical aid while in the service of the United States, may be refunded.

By Mr. Chapman: The petition of the heirs of Joshua Johnson, deceased, praying for the settlement of his accounts as consul and commercial agent at London.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Collins: Additional testimony in the case of Edward Shepard: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

And then, on motion of Mr. Dixon, the House, at 2 o'clock and twenty-five minutes, adjourned until Monday next, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## MONDAY, July 24, 1848.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did, on the 29th instant, approve and sign a bill of the House of the following title, viz:

No. 429. An act to amend an act entitled "An act supplemental to an act entitled 'an act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes.' "

And that he did, on the 20th instant, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 154. An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849; and

No. 212. An act for the relief of William T. Holland.

A message, in writing, was also received from the President of the United States, which was delivered in at the Speaker's table.

Mr. Clingman moved that the rules of the House be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring,* That the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House, do adjourn their respective Houses on Monday, the 7th day of August next, at 12 o'clock, m.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 110 / Nays..... 54

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Catheart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle

Mr. Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
John W. Jones
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nicoll
John S. Pendleton
Samuel O. Peyton

Mr. James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger

Mr. Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd

Mr. William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt

Mr. Richard S. Canby
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Joseph E. Edsall
Winfield S. Featherston
John Freedley
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Mr. Samuel W. Inge
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
Mr. William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
Richard F. Simpson
Frederick P. Stanton
Frederick A. Tallmadge
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Thereupon,

Mr. Clingman introduced his said resolution, which was read; when,

Mr. Clingman moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 126 / Nays ..... 49

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Mr. John Freedley
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John P. Gaines
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
John W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
Mr. Horace Mann
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nicoll
John S. Pendleton
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson

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| Mr. John B. Thompson | Mr. Robert Toombs | Mr. Samuel F. Vinton |
| William Thompson | Amos Tuck | Cornelius Warren |
| Benjamin B. Thurston | Thomas J. Turner | John Wentworth |
| Patrick W. Tompkins | John Van Dyke | James S. Wiley. |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. Willard P. Hall | Mr. George P. Marsh |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Hugh A. Haralson | Dudley Marvin |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Samson W. Harris | David Outlaw |
| Henry Bedinger | Hugh L. W. Hill | John G. Palfrey |
| Ausburn Birdsall | George S. Houston | Lucius B. Peck |
| Thomas S. Bocock | Charles J. Ingersoll | George Petrie |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | Alfred Iverson | Timothy Pillsbury |
| Linn Boyd | Robert W. Johnson | R. Barnwell Rhett |
| William G. Brown | George W. Jones | Richard F. Simpson |
| Albert G. Brown | David S. Kaufman | Frederick P. Stanton |
| Armistead Burt | Emile La Sère | Frederick A. Tallmadge |
| Beverly L. Clark | Thomas W. Ligon | James H. Thomas |
| Howell Cobb | John H. Lumpkin | Jacob Thompson |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | John A. McClernand | Abraham W. Venable |
| John R. J. Daniel | James McDowell | Daniel Wallace |
| Winfield S. Featherston | James J. McKay | Joseph A. Woodward. |
| James S. Green | | |

Mr. Clingman moved that the vote on the passage of the resolution be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined engrossed bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 300. An act to make Bangor a port of entry for ships or vessels coming from and beyond the Cape of Good Hope;

No. 321. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make a compromise and settlement with the securities of Francis D. Newcomb, late surveyor general of the State of Louisiana;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Mr. Pillsbury, by leave, presented resolutions of instructions from the Legislature of Texas, concerning military posts on the frontier, and relative to intercourse with Indians: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pillsbury, by leave, presented resolutions of instructions from the same legislature, relative to the passage of a law to compel the judge of the United States district court for the district of Texas, to reside and remain permanently within his district: which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gaines, from a minority of the select committee appointed on the subject of pensions to the widows and orphans of soldiers who have been killed or have died whilst in the service of the United States during the war with Mexico, made a report thereon: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

By unanimous consent the message, in writing, this day received from the President of the United States, was read, and is as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

In answer to the resolutions of the House of Representatives of the 10th instant, requesting information in relation to New Mexico and California, I communicate herewith reports from the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, and the Secretary of the Navy, with the documents which accompany the same. These reports and documents contain information upon the several points of inquiry embraced by the resolutions. "The proper limits and boundaries of New Mexico and California" are delineated on the map referred to in the late treaty with Mexico, an authentic copy of which is herewith transmitted, and all the additional information upon that subject; and also, the most reliable information in respect to the population of these respective provinces, which is in the possession of the Executive, will be found in the accompanying report of the Secretary of State.

The resolutions request information in regard to the existence of civil governments in New Mexico and California; their "form and character;" by "whom instituted;" by "what authority;" and how they are "maintained and supported."

In my message of December 22, 1846, in answer to a resolution of the House of Representatives calling for information "in relation to the establishment or organization of civil government in any portion of the territory of Mexico which has or might be taken possession of by the army or navy of the United States," I communicated the orders which had been given to the officers of our army and navy, and stated the general authority upon which temporary military governments had been established over the conquered portion of Mexico then in our military occupation.

The temporary governments authorized were instituted by virtue of the rights of war. The power to declare war against a foreign country, and to prosecute it according to the general laws of war, as sanctioned by civilized nations, it will not be questioned, exists under our constitution. When Congress has declared that war exists with a foreign nation, "the general laws of war apply to our situation;" and it becomes the duty of the President, as the constitutional "commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States," to prosecute it.

In prosecuting a foreign war thus duly declared by Congress, we have the right, by "conquest and military occupation," to acquire possession of the territories of the enemy, and, during the war, to "exercise the fullest rights of sovereignty over it." The sovereignty of the enemy is in such case "suspended," and his laws can "no longer be rightfully enforced" over the conquered territory, "or be obligatory upon the inhabitants who remain and submit to the conqueror. By the surrender the inhabitants pass under a temporary allegiance" to the conqueror, and are "bound by such laws, and such only, as" he may choose to recognize and impose. "From the nature of the case, no other laws could be obligatory upon them; for where there is no protection, or allegiance, or sovereignty, there can be no claim to obedience." These are well established

principles of the laws of war, as recognized and practised by civilized nations; and they have been sanctioned by the highest judicial tribunal of our own country.

The orders and instructions issued to the officers of our army and navy, applicable to such portions of the Mexican territory as had been or might be conquered by our arms, were in strict conformity to these principles. They were, indeed, ameliorations of the rigors of war, upon which we might have insisted. They substituted for the harshness of military rule something of the mildness of civil government, and were not only the exercise of no excess of power, but were a relaxation in favor of the peaceable inhabitants of the conquered territory who had submitted to our authority, and were alike politic and humane.

It is from the same source of authority that we derive the unquestioned right, after the war has been declared by Congress, to blockade the ports and coasts of the enemy, to capture his towns, cities, and provinces, and to levy contributions upon him for the support of our army. Of the same character with these is the right to subject to our temporary military government the conquered territories of our enemy. They are all belligerent rights, and their exercise is as essential to the successful prosecution of a foreign war as the right to fight battles.

New Mexico and Upper California were among the territories conquered and occupied by our forces, and such temporary governments were established over them. They were established by the officers of our army and navy in command, in pursuance of the orders and instructions accompanying my message to the House of Representatives of December 22, 1846. In their form and detail, as at first established, they exceeded, in some respects, as was stated in that message, the authority which had been given; and instructions for the correction of the error were issued in despatches from the War and Navy Departments of the 11th of January, 1847, copies of which are herewith transmitted. They have been maintained and supported out of the military exactions and contributions levied upon the enemy, and no part of the expense has been paid out of the treasury of the United States.

In the routine of duty some of the officers of the army and navy who first established temporary governments in California and New Mexico have been succeeded in command by other officers, upon whom like duties devolved; and the agents employed or designated by them to conduct the temporary governments have also, in some instances, been superseded by others. Such appointments for temporary civil duty, during our military occupation, were made by the officers in command in the conquered territories, respectively.

On the conclusion and exchange of ratifications of a treaty of peace with Mexico, which was proclaimed on the 4th instant, these temporary governments necessarily ceased to exist. In the instructions to establish a temporary government over New Mexico no distinction was made between that and the other provinces of Mexico which might be conquered and held in our military occupation.

The province of New Mexico, according to its ancient boundaries as claimed by Mexico, lies on both sides of the Rio Grande. That part of it on the east of that river was in dispute when the war between the United States and Mexico commenced. Texas, by a successful revolution in April, 1836, achieved, and subsequently maintained, her independence. By an act of the congress of Texas, passed in December, 1836, her western boundary was declared to be the Rio Grande, from its mouth to its source, and thence due north to the forty-second degree of north latitude. Though the republic of Texas, by many acts of sovereignty which she asserted and exercised, some of which were stated in my annual message of December, 1846, had established her clear title to the country west of the Nueces, and bordering upon that part of the Rio Grande which lies below the province of New Mexico, she had never conquered or reduced to actual possession, and brought under her government and laws, that part of New Mexico lying east of the Rio Grande, which she claimed to be within her limits. On the breaking out of the war we found Mexico in possession of this disputed territory. As our army approached Santa Fé, (the capital of New Mexico,) it was found to be held by a governor under Mexican authority, with an armed force collected to resist our advance. The inhabitants were Mexicans, acknowledging allegiance to Mexico. The boundary in dispute was the line between the two countries engaged in actual war, and the settlement of it of necessity depended on a treaty of peace. Finding the Mexican authorities and people in possession, our forces conquered them, and extended military rule over them and the territory which they actually occupied, in lieu of the sovereignty which was displaced. It was not possible to disturb or change the practical boundary line, in the midst of the war, when no negotiation for its adjustment could be opened, and when Texas was not present, by her constituted authorities, to establish and maintain government over a hostile Mexican population who acknowledged no allegiance to her. There was therefore no alternative left, but to establish and maintain military rule during the war, over the conquered people in the disputed territory who had submitted to our arms, or to forbear the exercise of our belligerent rights, and leave them in a state of anarchy and without control.

Whether the country in dispute rightfully belonged to Mexico or to Texas, it was our right in the first case, and our duty as well as our right in the latter, to conquer and hold it. Whilst this territory was in our possession as conquerors, with a population hostile to the United States, which more than once broke out in open insurrection, it was our unquestionable duty to continue our military occupation of it until the conclusion of the war, and to establish over it a military government, necessary for our own security, as well as for the protection of the conquered people.

By the joint resolution of Congress of March 1, 1845, "for annexing Texas to the United States," the "adjustment of all questions of boundary which may arise with other governments" was reserved to this government. When the conquest of New Mexico

was consummated by our arms, the question of boundary remained still unadjusted. Until the exchange of the ratifications of the late treaty, New Mexico never became an undisputed portion of the United States, and it would therefore have been premature to deliver over to Texas that portion of it, on the east side of the Rio Grande, to which she asserted a claim. However just the right of Texas may have been to it, that right had never been reduced into her possession, and it was contested by Mexico.

By the cession of the whole of New Mexico, on both sides of the Rio Grande to the United States, the question of disputed boundary, so far as Mexico is concerned, has been settled; leaving the question as to the true limits of Texas, in New Mexico, to be adjusted between that State and the United States.

Under the circumstances existing during the pendency of the war, and while the whole of New Mexico, as claimed by our enemy, was in our military occupation, I was not unmindful of the rights of Texas to that portion of it which she claimed to be within her limits. In answer to a letter from the governor of Texas, dated on the 4th of January, 1847, the Secretary of State, by my direction, informed him, in a letter of the 12th of February, 1847, that in the President's annual message of December, 1846, "you have already perceived that New Mexico is at present in the temporary occupation of the troops of the United States, and the government over it is military in its character. It is merely such a government as must exist under the laws of nations and of war, to preserve order and protect the rights of the inhabitants, and will cease on the conclusion of a treaty of peace with Mexico. Nothing, therefore, can be more certain than that this temporary government, resulting from necessity, can never injuriously affect the right which the President believes to be justly asserted by Texas to the whole territory on this side of the Rio Grande whenever the Mexican claim to it shall have been extinguished by treaty. But this is a subject which more properly belongs to the legislative, than the executive branch of the government."

The result of the whole is, that Texas had asserted a right to that part of New Mexico east of the Rio Grande which is believed, under the acts of Congress for the annexation and admission of Texas into the Union as a State, and under the constitution and laws of Texas, to be well founded; but this right had never been reduced to her actual possession and occupancy. The general government, possessing exclusively the war making power, had the right to take military possession of this disputed territory, and until the title to it was perfected by a treaty of peace, it was their duty to hold it, and to establish a temporary military government over it, for the preservation of the conquest itself, the safety of our army, and the security of the conquered inhabitants.

The resolutions further request information, whether any persons have been tried and condemned for "treason against the United States in that part of New Mexico lying east of the Rio Grande since the same has been in the occupancy of our army," and if so, before "what tribunal," and "by what authority of

law such tribunal was established ?" It appears that after the territory in question was "in the occupancy of our army," some of the conquered Mexican inhabitants, who had at first submitted to our authority, broke out in open insurrection, murdering our soldiers and citizens, and committing other atrocious crimes. Some of the principal offenders who were apprehended were tried, and condemned by a tribunal invested with civil and criminal jurisdiction, which had been established in the conquered country by the military officer in command. That the offenders deserved the punishment inflicted upon them, there is no reason to doubt; and the error in the proceedings against them consisted in designating and describing their crimes as "treason against the United States." This error was pointed out, and its recurrence thereby prevented, by the Secretary of War in a despatch to the officer in command in New Mexico, dated on the 26th of June, 1847, a copy of which together with copies of all communications relating to the subject, which have been received at the War Department, are herewith transmitted.

The resolutions call for information in relation to the quantity of the public lands acquired within the ceded territory, and "how much of the same is within the boundaries of Texas, as defined by the act of the congress of the republic of Texas of the 19th day of December, 1836." No means of making an accurate estimate on the subject is in the possession of the executive department. The information which is possessed will be found in the accompanying report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The country ceded to the United States lying west of the Rio Grande, and to which Texas has no title, is estimated by the Commissioner of the General Land Office to contain five hundred and twenty-six thousand and seventy-eight square miles, or three hundred and thirty-six millions six hundred and eighty-nine thousand nine hundred and twenty acres.

The period since the exchange of ratifications of the treaty has been too short to enable the government to have access to or to procure abstracts or copies of the land titles issued by Spain or by the republic of Mexico. Steps will be taken to procure this information at the earliest practicable period. It is estimated, as appears from the accompanying report of the Secretary of the Treasury, that much the larger portion of the land within the territories ceded remains vacant and unappropriated and will be subject to be disposed of by the United States. Indeed, a very inconsiderable portion of the land embraced in the cession, it is believed, has been disposed of or granted either by Spain or Mexico.

What amount of money the United States may be able to realize from the sales of these vacant lands must be uncertain; but it is confidently believed that, with prudent management, after making liberal grants to emigrants and settlers, it will exceed the cost of the war, and all the expenses to which we have been subjected in acquiring it.

The resolutions also call for "the evidence, or any part thereof,

that the 'extensive and valuable territories ceded by Mexico to the United States constitute indemnity for the past.' "

The immense value of the ceded country does not consist alone in the amount of money for which the public lands may be sold. If not a dollar could be realized from the sale of these lands, the cession of the jurisdiction over the country, and the fact that it has become a part of our Union, and cannot be made subject to any European power, constitutes ample "indemnity for the past" in the immense value and advantages which its acquisition must give to the commercial, navigating, manufacturing, and agricultural interests of our country.

The value of the public lands embraced within the limits of the ceded territory, great as that value may be, is far less important to the people of the United States than the sovereignty over the country. Most of our States contain no public lands owned by the United States, and yet the sovereignty and jurisdiction over them is of incalculable importance to the nation. In the State of New York the United States is the owner of no public lands, and yet two-thirds of our whole revenue is collected at the great port of that State, and within her limits is found about one-seventh of our entire population. Although none of the future cities on our coast of California may ever rival the city of New York in wealth, population and business, yet, that important cities will grow up on the magnificent harbors of that coast, with a rapidly increasing commerce and population, and yielding a large revenue, would seem to be certain. By the possession of the safe and capacious harbors on the Californian coast, we shall have great advantages in securing the rich commerce of the east, and shall thus obtain for our products new and increased markets, and greatly enlarge our coasting and foreign trade, as well as augment our tonnage and revenue.

These great advantages, far more than the simple value of the public lands in the ceded territory, "constitute our indemnity for the past."

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *July* 24, 1848.

The said message being read,

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that it be referred to the Committee on Territories, and printed, together with the documents accompanying the same; and that the Committee on Printing be directed to inquire into the expediency of printing ten thousand extra copies of the same.

And, after debate,

Mr. Schenck moved to amend the motion made by Mr. Cobb, by adding thereto the following, (which was accepted by Mr. Cobb as a part of his said motion:)

"And that said committee also inquire as to the expediency of printing (with the said message of to-day) ten thousand copies extra of the message of the President of the 22d of December, 1846, with the accompanying documents."

And after further debate,

Mr. Stephens moved that the further consideration of the said message be postponed until Thursday next; and, together with the message of the President of the United States of the 6th of July instant, relative to the ratification of the treaty of peace with Mexico, be made the special order for that day, and that both messages be printed: which motion was, by general consent, received and agreed to.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills and resolutions of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 34. Joint resolution relinquishing to the State of Missouri certain trophies of Doniphan's victorious expedition.

H. R. No. 10. Joint resolution extending the time for the erection of certain light-houses.

S. No. 210. An act to confirm the location and to grant a quarter section of public lands for the county site of Hillsborough county, State of Florida.

S. No. 141. An act to authorize the sale of a part of public reservation numbered thirteen, in the city of Washington, and for other purposes.

S. No. 175. An act for the relief of the heirs of Moses White.

S. No. 300. An act making Bangor a port of entry for ships or vessels coming from and beyond the Cape of Good Hope.

S. No. 321. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make a compromise and settlement with the securities of Francis D. Newcomb, late surveyor general of the State of Louisiana.

S. No. 16. A resolution to sanction an agreement made between the Wyandotts and Delawares for the purchage of certain lands by the former of the latter tribe of Indians.

S. No. 167. An act for the relief of Alfred White.

S. No. 209. An act for the relief of the society for the reformation of juvenile delinquents in the city of New York.

S. No. 218. An act for the relief of the Central Railroad and Banking Company of Georgia.

S. No. 281. An act to revive an act authorizing certain soldiers in the late war with Great Britain to surrender bounty lands drawn by them, and to locate others in lieu thereof.

Mr. Vinton moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That House bill making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending on the 30th of June, A. D. 1849, be made the special order of the day for to-morrow; and that it continue to be the special order of every day thereafter, next Friday excepted, till it be disposed of; and that the special order heretofore made on the bill to establish a territory in Oregon, be postponed till the execution of this order.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas ..... 84 / Nays ..... 69

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John R. J. Daniel
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Winfield S. Featherston
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
Mr. John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Mr. Horace Mann
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
William Duer
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
John P. Gaines
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Mr. Willard P. Hall
Moses Hampton
Samson W. Harris
Elias B. Holmes
Charles Hudson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
Mr. Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
Gideon Reynolds
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Caleb B. Smith
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth.

Mr. T. Butler King moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of moving to discharge the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 224) granting to the Alabama, Florida, and Georgia railroad companies the alternate sections of the public lands along the route of their contemplated road, on certain conditions.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Bowlin, the House, at twenty minutes before 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 1848.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee of Claims, made a report upon the petition of Jacob Houseman: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made a report upon the petition of Hector Perkins, accompanied by a bill (No. 619) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Fulton,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Major L. P. Montgomery; and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Eckert, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 620. A bill for the relief of Peter Myers;

No. 621. A bill for the relief of Captain Alexander McEwen, accompanied by reports in writing: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eckert, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of J. W. Knipe, Rezin Tevis, and Ethel Bartis: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. William T. Lawrence,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Henry Powell; and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 622. A bill for the relief of Elizabeth S. Cobbs;

No. 623. A bill for the relief of Mary Ann Pollard;

No. 624. A bill for the relief of Camfield Averill;

No. 625. A bill for the relief of the children of Lewis A. Wolfley; accompanied by reports in writing: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 145) entitled "An act granting a pension to John Clark," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Wiley, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of William Kennedy, accompanied by a bill (No. 626) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. William T. Lawrence,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (No. 556) granting a pension to William Pittman.

The House, by unanimous consent, proceeded to the consideration of the said bill: when it was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Farrelly, from the Committee on Patents, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 187) entitled "An act for the relief of David Wilkinson," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Maclay, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of the heirs of Daniel Pettibone, accompanied by a bill (No. 627) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Farrelly,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Patents be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of H. L. Thistle; and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Daniel P. King, from the Committee on Accounts, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the extra copies of the report of Lieutenant Emory, Lieutenant Abert, and Captain Johnston, ordered to be printed by the House, be bound in muslin in a good, substantial manner, and lettered; and that the Clerk of the House be directed to contract for binding the same: *Provided*, The cost shall not exceed twelve and a half cents per copy.

Mr. Gregory, from the Committee on Accounts, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Accounts audit and pay the balance of the unsettled claim of John T. Sullivan, for stationery furnished the House of Representatives in 1843.

Mr. Palfrey, from the Committee on the Library, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the portrait of Major General the Baron de Kalb, presented by his surviving family, be placed in the library of Congress.

Mr. Chapman, from the Committee on Rules and Orders, reported the following amendments to the joint rules of the two Houses, and to the rules of the House, viz:

"After six days from the commencement of a second or subsequent session of a Congress, all bills, resolutions, or reports, which originate in either House, and at the close of the next preceding session remain undetermined in either House, shall be resumed,

and acted on in the same manner as if an adjournment had not taken place."

"That the proviso to the 34th rule, 'that where debate is closed by order of the House, any member shall be allowed, in committee, five minutes to explain any amendments he may offer.'"

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said report: when

The said amendment to the joint rules and orders was read and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendments.

The said amendment to the 34th rule of the rules and orders of the House was then read;

And, after debate,

Mr. Alexander Evans moved "that the report just made by the Committee on Rules be recommitted to that committee, and that it be instructed to report to this House such rule or rules as may be necessary to provide that, in debates in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, every member addressing the committee shall confine himself to the question, and shall not discuss the state of the Union generally, or speak otherwise than to the question then under debate; and *Resolved, further*, That the said committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject of the 34th rule, commonly known as the five-minute rule."

Mr. Vinton moved to amend the said report by providing that the operation of the said 34th rule be suspended during the remainder of the present session.

And, after further debate,

Mr. Pollock moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and stated, *first*, on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Vinton; when

Mr. Collamer moved that so much of the said report from the Committee on Rules as relates to the said 34th rule, be laid on the table;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 108 / Nays ..... 63

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Richard S. Canby | Mr. David Fisher |
| Green Adams | Williamson R. W. Cobb | Richard French |
| Archibald Atkinson | Jacob Collamer | George Fries |
| Thomas H. Bayly | William Collins | Joshua R. Giddings |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Harmon S. Conger | Daniel Gott |
| Henry Bedinger | John Crowell | Nathan K. Hall |
| Hiram Belcher | John D. Cummins | Moses Hampton |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | John R. J. Daniel | John H. Harmanson |
| John Blanchard | Rudolphus Dickinson | Samson W. Harris |
| Thomas S. Bocock | Richard S. Donnell | William Henry |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | Thomas O. Edwards | Hugh L. W. Hill |
| James B. Bowlin | Alexander Evans | George S. Houston |
| Charles Brown | Nathan Evans | John W. Houston |
| Albert G. Brown | Winfield S. Featherston | Samuel D. Hubbard |
| E. Carrington Cabell | Orlando B. Ficklin | Charles Hudson |

Mr. Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
George W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
John Pettit
Gideon Reynolds
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Mr. Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Robert Smith
David A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
James S. Wiley.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Ausburn Birdsall
Nathaniel Boydon
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
Charles W. Cathcart
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Andrew Johnson
John W. Jones
T. Butler King
Samuel Lahm
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
James J. McKay
David Outlaw
Mr. Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
William Rockhill
J. Dixon Roman
Daniel B. St. John
Peter H. Sylvester
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hezekiah Williams.

Mr. George S. Houston moved that the House proceed to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table: which motion was disagreed to.

Mr. Chapman, from the select committee appointed on the subject of the tobacco trade with Europe, made a report thereon, accompanied by a joint resolution (No. 36) concerning the tobacco trade with Europe: which resolution was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the joint resolution and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chapman also submitted the views of the minority of the same committee upon the same subject: which was committed to the same Committee of the Whole, and ordered to be printed.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have been notified by the President of the United States, that he did, on the 21st instant, approve and

sign the bill (No. 62) entitled "An act amending the act entitled 'an act granting half-pay to widows or orphans where their husbands and fathers have died of wounds received in the military service of the United States,'" in case of deceased officers and soldiers of the militia and volunteers, passed July 4, 1836.

The Senate have disagreed to the amendments of the House to the bill of the Senate (No. 246) entitled "An act renewing certain naval pensions for the term of five years, and extending the benefits of existing laws respecting naval pensions, to engineers, firemen, and coal-heavers in the navy, and to their widows."

The Senate have agreed to the report of the conference (made to the Senate by the said conference on their part) upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on the amendments to the bill of the House (No. 136) entitled "An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849."

And then he withdrew.

And thereupon,

Mr. Vinton, (by the unanimous consent of the House,) from the conference on the part of the House upon the said disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments to the said bill, (No. 136,) made the following report:

The Committee of Conference on the part of the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill entitled "An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1849, and for other purposes," report:

That they have met the conferees on the part of the Senate, and, after a full and free conference on the subject of the disagreeing votes, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to the respective Houses as follows:

1st. That the Senate do recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the sixteenth amendment of the Senate, and do agree to the same.

2d. That the House of Representatives do recede from their disagreement to the fourteenth amendment of the Senate, and do agree to the same with the following amendment: insert the following section in place of the one stricken out:

"SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the first section of the act entitled 'an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to provide for the better organization of the department of Indian affairs,' and an act entitled 'an act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers,' approved June 30, 1834, and for other purposes,' approved March 3, 1847, as is in the following words: 'and the superintendents, agents, and sub-agents shall be furnished with offices for the transaction of the public business; and the agents and sub-agents with houses for their residences, at the expense of the United

States; and, with the assent of the Indians, be permitted to cultivate such portions of land as the President or Secretary of War may deem proper,' " be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

C. G. ATHERTON,
D. R. ATCHISON,
*Managers of the conference on the part of the Senate.*

SAMUEL F. VINTON,
HENRY NICOLL,
T. L. CLINGMAN,
*Managers of the conference on the part of the House of Representatives.*

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House, by unanimous consent, proceeded to consider the message from the Senate, announcing the agreement of the Senate in the report of the conference upon the said amendments to the said bill of the House, No. 136.

And the question was stated on concurring with the Senate in the report on their part, on the subject of the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the said bill, No. 136: when

Mr. Vinton moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House concur with the Senate in their agreement in the report of the said conference?

And decided in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate of these proceedings of the House.

Mr. Vinton, by unanimous consent, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill (No. 219) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending on the 30th of June, 1849, reported the same with a recommendation that the House agree to sundry of the said amendments, disagree to some, and agree to others, with amendments.

Mr. George S. Houston moved that the House proceed to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table; pending which,

On motion of Mr. Ficklin, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morehead reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union, generally, under consideration, particularly the amendments of the Senate to the said bill, (No. 219,) had agreed to part of said amendments, and disagreed to others, and amended the 5th of the said amendments.

That the committee had also had particularly under consideration the bill (No. 201) to establish the territorial government of Oregon, and had come to no resolution thereon.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments to the said bill, (No. 219,) entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849;" and

The question was stated on concurring with the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, in their report upon the said amendments: when

Mr. Vinton moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and the said report was concurred in.

Mr. Vinton moved that the last-mentioned vote be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table;

And so it was

*Resolved*, That this House do concur in the said amendments of the Senate to the said bill, (No. 219,) numbered 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, and 11.

That the House do concur in the 5th amendment, with an amendment thereto; and that this House do disagree to the said amendments of the Senate, numbered 1, 2, 6, 10, and 12.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate of these proceedings upon the said amendments, and ask their concurrence to the amendment of the House to the said 5th amendment of the Senate.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. T. Butler King: The memorial of E. F. Aldrich, of New York, praying that authority by law may be given to the Secretary of the Treasury to make stipulations with him for building a war steamer on a new and improved plan: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Collamer: The memorial of Alfred Schiseking, praying for a modification of the law granting bounty land to the heirs of deceased soldiers, who live out of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Darling: The petition of citizens (late Stockbridge tribe of Indians) of Calumet county, in the State of Wisconsin, praying that they may be furnished with the evidence of title to the lands guaranteed to them; and that the moneys justly due them be paid to each in due proportion.

By Mr. Winthrop: The memorial of Amos and J. E. Kendall, agents for the western Cherokees, praying that the bill now before the Senate, proposing to pay a portion of the debts of said Indians, be so extended as to include their debt: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at four minutes past 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## WEDNESDAY, July 26, 1848.

Mr. Wentworth offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the bill (No. 201) to establish the territorial government of Oregon, shall cease at 2 o'clock this day, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it

to the House, with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Wentworth moved the previous question.

Mr. George S. Houston moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

Mr. Hill moved that there be a call of the House.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 51 / Nays ..... 113

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Ausburn Birdsall
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Willard P. Hall

Mr. David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
John A. McClernand

Mr. James J. McKay
Job Mann
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Samuel O. Peyton
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Alexander D. Sims
George A. Starkweather
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans

Mr. James J. Faran
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland

Mr. James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
John Pettit
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepherd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart

Mr. Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Mr. Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Mr. Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Joseph A. Woodward.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Houston, that the resolution be laid upon the table.

And being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 85 / Nays ..... 89

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Richard L. T. Beale
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
Mr. John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Mr. David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Chester Butler
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Daniel Duncan
Mr. George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Mr. John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh

Mr. Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Mr. Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
William Strong
Mr. Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley.

The previous question, moved by Mr. Wentworth, was then seconded: when

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the said vote on the motion that the resolution be laid upon the table, be reconsidered.

Mr. Ashmun moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 88 / Nays ..... 91

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boyden
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
Joshua R Giddings
Daniel Gott
Mr. Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
William Nelson
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
William Strong
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Mr. Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Mr. E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John W. Crisfield

Mr. John H Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll

Mr. Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
David Outlaw
Lucius E. Peck
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill

Mr. J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John L. Slingerland
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Jones, that the vote on laying the resolution on the table be reconsidered.

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 100 / Nays ..... 88

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy

Mr. Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris

Mr. Joseph Mullin
David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Chester Butler
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Mr. Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth.

The question recurred on laying the said resolution upon the table.

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 96 / Nays ..... 90

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
Mr. John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Mr. Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill

Mr. Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Frederick P. Stanton
Mr. Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Mr. William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Chester Butler
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Mr. Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth.

So the said resolution was laid upon the table.

Mr. Alexander Evans moved that the vote by which the House yesterday laid upon the table the amendment reported from the Committee on Rules to the 34th rule of the House, (called the "five minutes rule,") be reconsidered.

Mr. McClelland moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the vote by which the House yesterday agreed to the amendment reported from the Committee on Rules, to the joint rules and orders of the House, be reconsidered.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 127 / Nays ..... 51 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Mr. John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt

Mr. Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton

Mr. John H. Harmanson
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey

Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Thomas Richey
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Charles Brown
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries

Mr. James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alfred Iverson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
John K. Miller
David Outlaw

Mr. John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Joseph M. Root
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
Hezekiah Williams.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, notifying that he did yesterday approve and sign a joint resolution (No. 34) relinquishing to the State of Missouri certain trophies of Doniphan's victorious expedition; also, a joint resolution (No. 10) extending the time for the erection of certain light-houses.

Mr. Mullin, under the rule of the House, handed to the Clerk a notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to authorize the Supreme Court of the United States to hear and determine, at the next term thereof, the question whether slaves may lawfully be taken into, and held as such in, the territories of California and New Mexico.

Mr. Vinton, by leave, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 315) entitled "An act for the payment of liquidated claims against Mexico," reported the same with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Caleb B. Smith, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morehead reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill from the Senate (No. 315) entitled "An act for the payment of liquidated claims against Mexico," had directed him to report the same with an amendment; and the bill of the House (No. 201) to establish the territorial government of Oregon, upon which they had come to no resolution.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill from the Senate, (No. 315:) when

The said amendment was read and agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-day.

The amendment being engrossed, the bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (H. R. No. 136) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending the 30th June, 1849, and found the same correctly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

And then, on motion of Mr. Atkinson, the House, at five minutes past 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## THURSDAY, July 27, 1848.

Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Printing, which was directed to inquire into the expediency of printing five thousand copies of the memoir, geographical, political, and commercial, on the present state and productive resources of Siberia and the Asiatic islands, by Aaron H. Palmer, reported the following resolution: which was read and agreed to.

*Resolved*, That said memoir *be not printed.*

Mr. Conger, from the same committee, to which was referred the resolution directing the Clerk of the House to furnish each member

of the House with copies of the acts and resolutions which may be passed, as soon as possible after the same are approved, with instructions to ascertain the expense of the same, reported the expense, as near as can be estimated, at $200 a session.

The said report was read: when

Mr. George S. Houston moved that the said resolution and report be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Putnam, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds inquire and examine as to the necessity of another building for the use of the different public departments; also, the fitness for such purpose of the building recently erected by Mr. Winder, near the War Department, and the terms on which the same can be purchased; and that the said committee report by bill or otherwise.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Fulton obtained leave and introduced a bill (No. 628) to authorize the payment of invalid pensions in certain cases: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Mr. Venable, by leave, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made a report upon the petition of John Gawney, accompanied by a bill (No. 629) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. McClernand moved that the House proceed to the consideration of the messages from the President of the United States, which on Monday last were made the special order for this day.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative.

Mr. McClelland, from the select committee on rules and orders, reported the following amended rule, to be inserted in place of the existing 135th rule:

"135. In Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, the bills shall be taken up and disposed of, in their order on the calendar; but when objection is made to the consideration of a bill, a majority of the committee shall decide, without debate, whether it shall be taken up and disposed of, or laid aside: *Provided*, That general appropriation bills, and in time of war bills for raising men or money, and bills concerning a treaty of peace, shall be preferred to all other bills, at the discretion of the committee, and when demanded by any member, the question shall be first put in regard to them."

The said amendment to the rules was read.

And after debate,

Mr. Ashmun moved the previous question.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the said amendment be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 84 / Nays ..... 105 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Mr. James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sere
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
Samuel O. Peyton
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Mr. John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
John Pettit
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

The previous question was then seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, and the said amendment was agreed to, *and adopted as the said 135th rule.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have been notified by the President of the United States, that he did, on the 25th instant, approve and sign bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 16. A resolution to sanction an agreement made between the Wyandotts and Delawares for the purchase of certain lands by the former of the latter tribe of Indians.

S. No. 141. An act to authorize the sale of a part of public reservation numbered thirteen, in the city of Washington, and for other purposes.

S. No. 300. An act to make Bangor a port of entry for ships or vessels coming from and beyond the Cape of Good Hope.

S. No. 210. An act to confirm the location and to grant a quarter section of public lands for the county site of Hillsborough county, State of Florida.

S. No. 321. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make a compromise and settlement with the securities of Francis D. Newcomb, late surveyor general of the State of Louisiana.

S. No. 209. An act for the relief of the society for the reformation of juvenile delinquents in the city of New York.

S. No. 281. An act to revise an act authorizing certain soldiers in the late war with Great Britain to surrender the bounty lands drawn by them, and to locate others in lieu thereof.

S. No. 218. An act for the relief of the Central Railroad and Banking Company of Georgia.

S. No. 167. An act for the relief of Alfred White.

S. No. 175. An act for the relief of the heirs of Moses White.

The Senate have passed a bill (No. 324) entitled "An act to establish the territorial governments of Oregon, California, and New Mexico: in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Kaufman, the House proceeded to the consideration of the message of the President of the United States of the 6th of July instant, relative to the ratification of the treaty of peace with Mexico; and the message of the President of the 24th instant, in answer to the resolution of the House, requesting information in relation to New Mexico and California: which messages were, on Monday last, ordered to be printed, and made the special order for this day.

And, after debate,

On motion of Mr. McLane, the House, at 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## FRIDAY, JULY 28, 1848.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills: which motion was disagreed to.

On motion of Mr. Goggin, the House proceeded to the orders of the day: when (this being a day allotted to the consideration of private bills)

The bill (No. 215) for the relief of Peter Shaffer, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the 2d of June last without amendment, was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read a third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

On motion of Mr. McKay, the House proceeded to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table: when

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the 26th ultimo, a report of the strength of the different corps of the army of the United States, after the discharge of those who, by the terms of their enlistment, and the operation of existing laws, are required to be discharged at the close of the war with Mexico: which letter and report were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

II. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report upon the claim of William Vawters, deceased, in pursuance of a resolution of the House of the 3d instant: which letter and report were laid upon the table.

III. A letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting, in obedience to a resolution of the House, a table showing the annual cost of mail transportation, and the annual receipts of postage in each State and Territory of the United States for the ten years preceding the 1st of July, 1847: which letter and table were referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

IV. A copy of a tabular statement from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, showing the estimated surface of the Territories of the United States north and west of the regularly organized States of the Union, and the portions of territory thereof north and south of the parallel of 36° 30′ north latitude: which statement was referred to the Committee on the Territories.

*Ordered*, That the said letters, reports, table, and statement, be printed.

The House then proceeded to consider again its amendments disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill of the Senate, (No. 246,) entitled "An act renewing certain naval pensions for the term of five years, and extending the benefits of existing laws respecting naval pensions, to engineers, firemen, and coal heavers in the navy, and to their widows:" when,

On motion of Mr. White, it was

*Resolved*, That the House do *insist* upon its amendments to the said bill, disagreed to by the Senate, and ask a conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon the said amendment.

*Ordered*, That Mr. White, Mr. Cummings, and Mr. Cabell, be managers at said conference on the part of the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate of these proceedings upon the said amendments.

The bill from the Senate (No. 324) entitled "An act to establish the territorial governments of Oregon, California, and New Mexico, was read a first and second time: when

Mr. Boyd moved that the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Caleb B. Smith moved that there be a call of the House; which motion was agreed to:

And the roll of members having been called, and the absentees again called, all the members answered to their names except the following:

Jasper E. Brady, Samuel A. Bridges, John D. Cummins, Garnett Duncan, Joseph E. Edsall, John P. Gaines, William T. Haskell, Washington Hunt, James H. Johnson, Shepherd Leffler, Lewis C. Levin, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, John S. Phelps, J. Dixon Roman, Joseph M. Root, Richard F. Simpson, James Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Ashmun, further proceedings in the call were dispensed with; and

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Boyd, that the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: when

Mr. Stephens moved that the bill be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 112 / Nays ..... 97

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
Richard S Canby
Asa W. H. Clapp
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly

Mr. David Fisher
John Freedley
George Fries
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland

Mr. Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith

Mr. Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Mr. John L. Taylor
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Mr. John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John W. Crisfield
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Alexander Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
Mr. Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Mr. Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
David Outlaw
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Frederick P. Stanton
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the bill was laid upon the table.

Mr. Pollock moved that the vote by which the bill was laid upon the table be reconsidered; and that the said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put, Shall the said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 113 / Nays ..... 96

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
Mr. Richard S. Canby
Asa H. W. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Mr. Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
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Mr. Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
George Fries
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Mr. Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
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James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
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John G. Chapman
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Thomas L. Clingman
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Williamson R. W. Cobb
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Robert A. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary: which was delivered in at the Speaker's table.

On motion of Mr. Willard P. Hall, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morehead reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 201) to establish the territorial government of Oregon, had come to no resolution thereon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (No. 315) for the payment of liquidated claims against Mexico.

The Senate have disagreed to the amendment of the House to the 5th amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 219) entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849," and insist upon their said 5th amendment; they *recede* from their 1st and 2d, and insist upon their 6th, 10th, and 12th amendments to said bill, disagreed to by the House, and ask a conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on said amendments, and have appointed Mr. Atherton, Mr. Phelps, and Mr. Yulee, managers of the said conference on their part.

They have passed the bill of the House (No. 612) for the relief of certain surviving widows of officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war without amendment.

The Senate have passed a bill and resolutions of the following titles, viz:

No. 33. A resolution authorizing the proper accounting officers of the treasury to make a just and fair settlement of the claims of the Cherokee nation of Indians, according to the principles established by the treaty of August, 1846.

No. 35. A resolution for the speedy payment of the three months' extra pay to the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, who have served in the late war with Mexico, allowed by the act of July 19, 1848.

No. 136. An act for giving effect to certain treaty stipulations between this and foreign governments for the apprehension and delivering up of certain offenders.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill of this House (No. 219) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1849, with the said amendments thereto; when,

On motion of Mr. Vinton, it was

*Resolved*, That the House do *insist* on its amendment to the said fifth amendment of the Senate, not agreed to by the Senate; and also *insist* upon its disagreements to the said sixth, tenth, and twelfth amendments of the Senate, not receded from by the Senate, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate upon the disagreeing votes of the two House on the said amendments.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Schenck, Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. T. Butler King be the managers at said conference on the part of the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate of these proceedings upon the said amendments.

And then, on motion of Mr. Dickey, the House, at 4 and a half o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1848.

Mr. Alexander Evans offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union upon the bill of the House (No. 201) to establish the territorial government of Oregon, shall cease at one o'clock to-day, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending, or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House, with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Evans moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put: and the said resolution was agreed to.

The House, by unanimous consent, proceeded to the consideration of the resolution from the Senate (No. 35) for the speedy payment of the three months' extra pay to the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, who have served in the late war with Mexico, allowed by the act of July 19, 1848: when it was read a first and second time, and

Ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The said resolution was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Machin, their chief clerk:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the resolution of the House of the 24th instant, providing for the adjournment of the two Houses of Congress *sine die* on the 7th of August next, with an amendment.*

And then he withdrew.

Mr. John L. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill of the Senate (No. 315) entitled "An act for the payment of liquidated claims against Mexico," and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday present to the President of the United States the bill (No. 136) entitled "An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending the 30th June, 1849."

Mr. Gentry moved that the House proceed to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table.

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* To adjourn on the 14th of August.

Mr. Alexander Evans moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And the question being put on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Gentry,

It was decided in the affirmative; and thereupon,

The House resumed the consideration of the message of the President of the United States of the 6th instant, relative to the ratification of the treaty of peace with Mexico; and the further message of the 24th instant, in answer to the resolution of the House, requesting information in relation to New Mexico and California.

And, after debate,

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate, in the absence of the Vice President, have chosen the Hon. David R. Atchison President pro tempore of the Senate.

The Senate insist upon their disagreement to the amendments of the House to the bill of the Senate, (No. 246) entitled "An act renewing certain naval pensions for the term of five years, and extending the benefits of existing laws respecting naval pensions to engineers, firemen, and coal heavers in the navy, and to their widows;" and agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on said amendments; and have appointed Mr. Badger, Mr. Yulee, and Mr. Bright, the managers of the said conference on the part of the Senate.

And then he withdrew.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Palfrey: The memorial of citizens of Newton, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the prohibition of the slave trade in the District of Columbia: which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Rumsey: The memorial of citizens of the State of New York, praying for the adjournment of Congress: which was referred to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill and resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 612. An act for the relief of certain surviving widows of officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army;

S. No. 35. A joint resolution for the speedy payment of the three months' extra pay to the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates who have served in the late war with Mexico, allowed by the act of July 19, 1848;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill and resolution.

And then, on motion of Mr. Outlaw, the House, at 3 o'clock and forty minutes, adjourned until Monday, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

## MONDAY, JULY 31, 1848.

Mr. John L. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on Saturday last, present to the President of the United States a bill from the Senate (No. 315) entitled "An act for the payment of liquidated claims against Mexico.

On motion of Mr. T. Butler King, the House resumed the consideration of the motion made by him on Monday last, that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to move that the committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 224) granting to the Georgia, Alabama, and Florida Railroad Company certain alternate sections of the public lands.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof. { Yeas ..... 111 / Nays ..... 52

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. William L. Goggin | Mr. John S. Pendleton |
| Green Adams | Daniel Gott | George Petrie |
| George Ashmun | James S. Green | James Pollock |
| Daniel M. Barringer | Dudley S. Gregory | William B. Preston |
| Washington Barrow | Joseph Grinnell | Harvey Putnam |
| Hiram Belcher | Artemas Hale | Gideon Reynolds |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | Willard P. Hall | R. Barnwell Rhett |
| Ausburn Birdsall | James G. Hampton | William A. Richardson |
| John Blanchard | Moses Hampton | Julius Rockwell |
| Nathaniel Boydon | Samson W. Harris | John A. Rockwell |
| Jasper E. Brady | William T. Haskell | Robert L. Rose |
| Charles Brown | Henry W. Hilliard | David Rumsey, jr. |
| Chester Butler | Isaac E. Holmes | Daniel B. St. John |
| E. Carrington Cabell | Elias B. Holmes | William Sawyer |
| Richard S. Canby | John W. Houston | Robert C. Schenck |
| John G. Chapman | Samuel D. Hubbard | Augustine H. Shepperd |
| Thomas L. Clingman | Charles Hudson | Richard F. Simpson |
| William M. Cocke | Washington Hunt | John I. Slingerland |
| Harmon S. Conger | Samuel W. Inge | Caleb B. Smith |
| Robert B. Cranston | Joseph R. Ingersoll | Truman Smith |
| John Crowell | Andrew Johnson | Frederick P. Stanton |
| John H. Crozier | John W. Jones | Alexander H. Stephens |
| John D. Cummins | Orlando Kellogg | Andrew Stewart |
| Mason C. Darling | T. Butler King | Charles E. Stuart |
| John Dickey | Daniel P. King | Frederick A. Tallmadge |
| Rudolphus Dickinson | Samuel Lahm | John L. Taylor |
| James Dixon | William T. Lawrence | Bannon G. Thibodeaux |
| William Duer | Sidney Lawrence | James Thompson |
| Elisha Embree | Abraham Lincoln | John B. Thompson |
| Nathan Evans | Frederick W. Lord | William Thompson |
| James J. Faran | William B. Maclay | Thomas J. Turner |
| John W. Farrelly | George P. Marsh | Cornelius Warren |
| Orlando B. Ficklin | Charles S. Morehead | John Wentworth |
| Thomas S. Flournoy | William Nelson | Hugh White |
| Andrew S. Fulton | William A. Newell | William W. Wick |
| John Gayle | Henry Nicoll | James S. Wiley |
| Meredith P. Gentry | John G. Palfrey | Hezekiah Williams. |

Those who voted in the negative are,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. Thomas H. Bayly | Mr. Franklin W. Bowdon | Mr. William G. Brown |
| Richard L. T. Beale | James B. Bowlin | Armistead Burt |
| Thomas S. Bocock | Richard Brodhead | Charles W. Cathcart |

Mr. Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Garnett Duncan
Alexander Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Richard French
George Fries
Hugh A. Haralson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Mr. George S. Houston
Alexander Irvin
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Mr. Lucius B. Peck
Samuel O. Peyton
Timothy Pillsbury
Thomas Richey
Alexander D. Sims
George A. Starkweather
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
Joseph A. Woodward.

The rules being suspended, Mr. King submitted his said motion: which was agreed to; and

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill: which was read—the question being on the amendments to the bill reported from the Committee on Public Lands, which was stated.

And after debate,

Mr. James Thompson moved that the bill be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 80 / Nays ..... 96

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
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William Collins
Robert B. Cranston
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Daniel Duncan
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Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
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Richard French
George Fries
Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
James G. Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
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Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
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William Sawyer
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Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
Mr. Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Mr. Richard S. Canby
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Mr. John W. Crisfield
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John Dickey
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David Fisher
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Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Samson W. Harris
William Henry

Mr. Henry W. Hilliard
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Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

The question recurred on agreeing to the said amendments reported from the Committee on Public Lands, which are as follows:

"In the eleventh line of the first section of the printed copy, strike out "*six*" and insert "*five*," and wherever in the bill the words "*six miles*" occur, insert "*five miles.*"

"At the close of the second section insert the following words: 'And the alternate sections, reserved to the United States, shall not be sold for less than two dollars and fifty cents per acre.'

"In the third section, lines eight and nine, strike out the words, '*main stem of the road and its branches*,' and insert, '*place where the company so failed to receive said land.*'

"Add to the fifth section the following words: 'And also the United States mail.' "

The said amendments were read: when

Mr. T. Butler King moved to amend the last of the said amendments, by adding thereto the following proviso:

"Provided all the lands granted by the provisions of this bill shall be, and are hereby, declared to be granted to the States of Alabama and Florida for the use and benefit of the said railroad company, and for no other purpose whatever."

And, after further debate,

Mr. Featherston moved that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on Public Lands: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Ashmun moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That in order to secure a more full, impartial, and prompt publication of the debates and proceedings of this House, the Clerk be directed to enter into a contract with the proprietors of each of the two daily papers in this city, the National Intelligencer and the Union, to take effect from this day, and to continue

until otherwise ordered by the House, as follows: That they shall, on their part, cause to be reported at the fullest length, without exception, the proceedings and debates of the House of Representatives, and the same to publish in the National Intelligencer and in the Union forthwith, (allowing such members as desire it to revise the reports of their own speeches before being published;) and to publish, also, any speeches delivered at this session which have not been heretofore inserted in their columns, as well as any committee reports and public documents which may be directed by the House to be so published, and to furnish two copies of each paper containing the same to each member of the House of Representatives, upon the following terms, to wit: At the rate of two dollars and fifty cents to each of said papers for the quantity of a Congress small pica document page for every expense of reporting, printing, and extra paper required for the extra quantity of matter; and for any documents, bills, or other matter which the Clerk may be directed to have published in said papers, at a rate of charge of one dollar and fifty cents for the quantity of a document page; for which purpose the said proprietors shall agree to publish, without additional charge, such extra papers or supplements as may be required for the prompt publication of said proceedings, debates, and documents: payment therefor to be made weekly out of the contingent fund of the House.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof. { Yeas..... 105 / Nays..... 77

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
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Daniel M. Barringer
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John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
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John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland

Mr. Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens

Mr. Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
Mr. John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Mr. Thomas J. Turner
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. Richard French
George Fries
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
James J. McKay
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Mr. George Petrie
John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

On motion of Mr. Kaufman, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment of the Senate to the resolution of the House fixing a day for the adjournment *sine die* of the two Houses of Congress, (which amendment strikes out of the said resolution the word "*seventh*," and inserts in lieu thereof "fourteenth."

The question was stated on agreeing to the said amendment: when Mr. Kaufman moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and the said amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Kaufman moved that the vote on agreeing to the amendment of the said resolution, be reconsidered.

Mr. Pollock moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

And so it was

*Resolved*, (*the Senate concurring*,) That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House do adjourn their respective Houses on Monday, the fourteenth day of August next, at 12 o'clock meridian.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Miller, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to pay certain volunteers who have been in the service of the United States during the late war with Mexico, all sums of money which have been

stopped from their pay and allowances under the provisions of a "joint resolution directing the payment of certain volunteers and militia under the limitations therein prescribed," approved August 8, 1846, and other enactments supplementary thereto.

Mr. Andrew Stewart moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That "the power given by the constitution to the executive to interpose his veto, is a high conservative power, which should never be exercised except in cases of clear violation of the constitution, or manifest haste and want of consideration by Congress."

2. *Resolved*, That "the personal opinions of the individual who may happen to occupy the executive chair, ought not to control the action of Congress upon questions of domestic policy; nor ought his objections to be interposed where questions of constitutional power have been settled by the various departments of government, and acquiesced in by the people."

3. *Resolved*, That "upon the subject of the tariff, the currency, the improvement of our great highways, rivers, lakes and harbors, the will of the people, as expressed through their representatives in Congress, ought to be respected and carried out by the executive."

4. *Resolved*, That "war, at all times and under all circumstances, is a national calamity, to be avoided if compatible with national honor; that the *principles* of our government, as well as its true policy, are opposed to the subjugation of other nations, and the dismemberment of other countries by *conquest*; for, in the language of the great Washington, 'why should we quit our own, to stand on foreign ground?' "

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas ..... 80 / Nays ..... 98

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
George N. Eckert

Mr. Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence

Mr. Abraham Lincoln
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart

Mr. John Strohm
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Mr. Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Mr. John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Joshua R. Giddings
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Mr. John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Charles H Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Mr. John Pettit
Samuel O. Peyton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private Secretary, notifying that he did, on the 29th instant, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 612. For the relief of certain surviving widows of officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army.

H. R. No. 136. An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the year ending 39th June, 1849, and for other purposes.

Mr. Charles Brown (the rules being suspended for the purpose) introduced a joint resolution (No. 37) concerning certain portions of the marines: which was read a first and second time, and the question was stated on ordering it to be engrossed: when

Mr. McLane moved to amend the same by inserting the following after the word "Mexico:"

"And also the artificers and laborers of the ordnance corps serving in said war."

The said amendment was read and agreed to, under the previous question moved by Mr. Brown; and the resolution, as thus amended, was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

And being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House the proceedings of a meeting of volunteers just returned from Mexico, held in Philadelphia, July 28, 1848, in relation to their extra pay, and asking Congress to pay them the *full pay* instead of *pay proper:* which proceedings were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Tompkins moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of retaining in the service of the United States the regiment of voltigeurs and foot riflemen armed with howitzers and rocket batteries; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. McKay, by general consent, introduced the following concurrent resolution; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved by the House of Representatives*, (*the Senate concurring*,) That a joint select committee of six (three on the part of each House) be appointed to inquire into the expediency of devising a system of reporting the debates and proceedings of Congress, in lieu of the one which now exists; and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Mr. McKay, of North Carolina, Mr. Ashmun, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Garnett Duncan, of Kentucky, be appointed the committee on the part of the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the report of the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon the amendments to the bill of the House.(No. 219) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849.

They have passed bills of the following titles:

No. 282. An act for the better organization of the district court of the United States within the State of Louisiana;

No. 137. An act providing for the obtaining of testimony in relation to claims for losses sustained in the late Florida war;

No. 323 An act to modify the fourth clause of the seventh section of an act entitled "An act to enable the people of Wisconsin Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union," approved August 6, 1846; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have passed bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 10. An act for the relief of William Culver;
H. R. No. 31. An act for the relief of E. G. Smith;
H. R. No. 34. An act for the relief of Bent, St. Vrain & Co.;
H. R. No. 35. An act for the relief of J. Throckmorton;
H. R. No. 36. An act for the relief of John Anderson;
H. R. No. 49. An act for the relief of Amzy Judd;

H. R. No. 51. An act for the relief of the heirs of Mathew Stewart;
H. R. No. 94. An act for the relief of Bennet M. Dell;
H. R. No. 99. An act for the relief of John Manley;
H. R. No. 100. An act for the relief of Sarah Stokes, widow of John Stokes;
H. R. No. 116. An act for the benefit of Benjamin White;
H. R. No. 122. An act for the relief of Jonathan Moore, of the State of Massachusetts;
H. R. No. 123. An act for the relief of Robert Ellis;
H. R. No. 124. An act for the relief of Catharine Fulton, of Washington county, Pennsylvania;
H. R. No. 172. An act for the relief of Elijah H. Willis;
H. R. No. 183. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of William McKenzie, late a seaman on board of the United States ship Vincennes;
H. R. No. 266. An act for the relief of Charles Cappel;
severally without amendment.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Schenck, from the conference on the part of the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, upon amendments to the said bill (No. 219) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, made the following report:

The committee of conference on the part of the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1849," report that they have met the conferees on the part of the Senate, and, after a full and free conference, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to the respective Houses, as follows:

1. That the Senate do recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the House to the Senate's fifth amendment, and agree to the same.

2. That the House do recede from their disagreement to the Senate's sixth amendment, striking out the fifth section of the bill, and that, in lieu thereof, the following shall be inserted as a fifth section of the bill:

"*Be it further enacted*, That hereafter the amount of money commutation allowed by law in lieu of the spirit ration, shall be increased to four cents."

3. That the House do recede from its disagreement to the Senate's tenth amendment, and agree to said amendment with the following words, which it is agreed shall be added to the end thereof:

"And in appointing from each State, hereafter, its proportion of officers of that grade, the appointments shall be apportioned, as nearly as practicable, equally among the several congressional districts therein.

4. That the House do recede from its disagreement to the twelfth amendment to the Senate.

Thereupon,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the message from the Senate announcing the agreement of the Senate to the report of

the conference upon the amendments to the said bill of the House, (No. 219:) when the same was read.

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative, under the previous question moved by Mr. Schenck.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, it was

*Ordered*, That on and after to-morrow, the daily meeting of the House shall be 10 o'clock, a. m., until otherwise ordered.

Mr. McClernand moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce a joint resolution declaring it expedient and proper that Congress should without delay extend the protection of civil government over the territories of Oregon, New Mexico, and California.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 104 / Nays..... 69

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Thomas J. Henley
Mr. Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Mr. Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Hiram Belcher
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Mr. Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
John G. Chapman

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| Mr Thomas L. Clingman | Mr. Joseph Grinnell | Mr. William B. Preston |
| William M. Cocke | Artemas Hale | Julius Rockwell |
| Jacob Collamer | Nathan K. Hall | J. Dixon Roman |
| Harmon S. Conger | Moses Hampton | Robert L Rose |
| Robert B. Cranston | William T. Haskell | Daniel B. St John |
| John W. Cristield | William Henry | Eliakim Sherrill |
| John H. Crozier | Henry W. Hilliard | Peter H. Sylvester |
| William Duer | John W. Houston | John I. Slingerland |
| George N. Eckert | Samuel D. Hubbard | Truman Smith |
| Nathan Evans | Washington Hunt | Alexander H. Stephens |
| John W. Farrelly | Orlando Kellogg | Andrew Stewart |
| David Fisher | Daniel P. King | John Strohm |
| Thomas S. Flournoy | William T. Lawrence | Bannon G. Thibodeaux |
| John Gayle | Abraham R. McIlvaine | Richard W. Thompson |
| Meredith P. Gentry | George P. Marsh | Robert Toombs |
| Joshua R. Giddings | Joseph Mullin | Amos Tuck |
| William L. Goggin | William Nelson | Samuel F. Vinton |
| Daniel Gott | William A. Newell | Cornelius Warren |
| Dudley S. Gregory | John G. Palfrey | Hugh White. |

Mr. Hunt moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the several bills referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union making appropriations for the improvement of harbors and rivers, be made the special order of the day for Thursday, the 3d day of August next, and every day thereafter till the same are finally disposed of.

The said resolution was read, and the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the bill (No. 618) for the support of the army for the year ending June 30, 1849, be made the special order of the day for to-morrow, and for every succeeding day till the same is finally disposed of.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of discharging the Committee of the Whole House from the consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 33) entitled "An act authorizing the payment of interest upon the advances made by the State of Alabama for the use of the United States government in the suppression of the Creek Indian hostilities of 1836 and 1837 in Alabama, and for other purposes.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended for the purpose aforesaid?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Nathan Evans moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to offer a joint resolution, directing the Commissioner of Pensions to deliver up books and family records in certain cases: which motion was disagreed to—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Goggin moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That House bill (No. 575) entitled "A bill further to amend an act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit and correct the

abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department," and Senate bill (No. 177) entitled "An act to declare the true intent and meaning, so far as respects the franking privilege of members of Congress," approved the 1st of March, 1847, and entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'an act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the Post Office Department, passed the 3d March, 1845, and for other purposes,'" be made the order of the day for Friday next, and for each day thereafter till the same shall be finally passed, or otherwise disposed of.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Howell Cobb moved, at 2 o'clock and ten minutes, that the House adjourn: which motion was disagreed to; and

The question was then put on the motion of Mr. Goggin that the rules be suspended,

And decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. Burt, by leave,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War cause to be prepared and laid before Congress, by the second Monday in December next, the following information relative to the military forces employed in the late war with Mexico:

1st. The strength of the regular army, and the force on the frontiers under the command of General Taylor, at the commencement of the late war with the Mexican republic, in April, 1846; the re-inforcements, including recruits; the number of recruits enlisted, and the casualties in the regular service, from the commencement to the close of the war; and also the actual strength of the regular army and volunteer force at the close of the war.

2d. A statement of all the volunteer forces mustered into the service of the United States, showing the States, term of service, date and place of muster, and strength of each regiment, battalion, or company when mustered into service; and the date and place of muster, and strength of each when mustered out of service; the number of volunteer recruits received into service after the muster of the regiments, &c.; and the casualties in the volunteer service from the commencement to the close of the war.

Mr. Taylor, by unanimous consent of the House, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported the following resolution: which was read, and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House, at the commencement of the next session of Congress any information he may possess in relation to a tract of land situated on the north side of the road between Prairie due Rocher and Kaskaskia, in the State of Illinois; and any information he can communicate in relation to the patent for said tract of land issued by General Arthur St. Clair, whilst acting as governor of the Northwestern Territory, on the 12th day of August, A. D. 1800, to John Edgar and John Murray St. Clair, in the Kaskaskia land district, amounting, as was originally supposed, to 13,986 acres of

land; whether any patents were issued by said Arthur St. Clair subsequent to the 4th day of July, 1800, which were acknowledged to be valid; and whether the acts of said Arthur St. Clair, as governor as aforesaid, since the 4th July, 1800, were acknowledged as valid; and up to what period he continued to perform the duties and exercise the powers of governor as aforesaid. And that he be, and is hereby, requested to communicate to this House, at the commencement of the next session, all the information in his possession in relation to the grant of land made by Lieutenant Colonel John Wilkins, on the 12th April, A. D. 1769, as governor and commandant of the Illinois country, under the authority of the British crown, to Boynton, Wharton, and Morgan, and which is now alleged to be vested in said John Edgar and John Murray St. Clair, and their assignees; and such other matters as he may deem material to be communicated in relation to the said grant.

Mr. Isaac E. Holmes, by leave, introduced a joint resolution (No. 38) of thanks to the officers, sailors, and marines, of the United States navy: which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The resolution being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said resolution.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on Saturday last, present to the President of the United States a bill and resolution of the following titles:

H. R. No. 612. An act for the relief of the surviving widows of officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war.

S. 35. A joint resolution for the speedy payment of the three months' extra pay to the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, who have served in the late war with Mexico, allowed by the act of July 19, 1848.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Tompkins: The memorial of James Casparis, praying for a lease, for a term of years, of a lot of the public grounds lying directly south of the Capitol of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Freedley: The memorial of citizens of Delaware county, in the State of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the passage of a bill termed the "compromise act," for establishing territorial governments in Oregon, California, and New Mexico: which was referred to the Committee on the Territories.

By Mr. Tompkins: The memorial of citizens of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the purchase of the Mount Vernon estate, by the general government: which was referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Turner: The memorial of William Wallace, of the State of Illinois, praying for a pension on account of wounds and disa-

bilities received and incurred in the service of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

On motion of Mr. Wentworth, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morehead reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 201) to establish the territorial government of Oregon, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Alexander Evans moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and

Pending the question on the motion of Mr. Evans,

On motion of Mr. Sidney Lawrence, the House, at 3 o'clock and thirty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

## TUESDAY, August 1, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 398) entitled "An act for the relief of those pre-emption claimants upon the Miami lands in Indiana, who, by their services in the Mexican war, are entitled to bounty land," without amendment.

They have passed the joint resolution of the House (No. 29) authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish the clerk of the district court of the United States for the western district of Virginia four copies of Little and Brown's edition of the Laws of the United States; and

The bill of the House (No. 478) entitled "An act for the relief of Archibald Beard and twenty-one other Tennessee mounted volunteers," severally, with amendments.

They have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 276. An act for the relief of Charity Herrington;

No. 256. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas G. V. Owen, deceased;

No. 128. An act to carry into effect certain provisions in the treaties between the United States and China and the Ottoman Porte, giving certain judicial powers to ministers and consuls of the United States in those countries: in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have been notified by the President of the United States that he did, on the 29th instant, approve and sign a bill and resolution of the following titles, viz:

No. 315. An act for the payment of liquidated claims against Mexico.

No. 35. Resolution for the speedy payment of the three months' extra pay to the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, who have served in the late war with Mexico, allowed by the act of July 19, 1848.

And then the Secretary withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Caleb B. Smith, the House resolved itself into he Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and,

after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Morehead reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill of the House (No. 201) to establish the territorial government of Oregon, had directed him to report the said bill with amendments.

The question was stated on agreeing to the said amendments: when

Mr. Caleb B. Smith moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered to be now put; when

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, which was delivered in at the Speaker's table.

Mr. John L. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (No. 219) entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending 30th June, 1849:" when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the joint resolution of the House (No. 38) of thanks to the officers, sailors, and marines of the United States navy, without amendment.

The Senate have concurred in the resolution of the House for the appointment of a joint committee of six (three on the part of each House) to devise a system of reporting the debates and proceedings of Congress; and they have appointed Mr. Benton, Mr. Rusk, and Mr. Clayton, of the committee on the part of the Senate.

And then the Secretary withdrew.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Robert W. Johnson, the House, at 4 o'clock and forty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

## WEDNESDAY, August 2, 1848.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 10. An act for the relief of William Culver;

H. R. 31. An act for the relief of E. G. Smith;

H. R. 34. An act for the relief of Bent, St. Vrain & Co.;

H. R. 35. An act for the relief of J. Throckmorton;

H. R. 36. An act for the relief of John Anderson;

H. R. 49. An act for the relief of Amzy Judd;

H. R. 51. An act for the relief of the heirs of Matthew Stewart;

H. R. 94. An act for the relief of Bennett M. Dell;

H. R. 99. An act for the relief of John Manley;

H. R. 100. An act for the relief of Sarah Stokes, widow of John Stokes;

H. R. 116. An act for the relief of Benjamin White;

H. R. 122. An act for the relief of Jonathan Moore, of the State of Massachusetts;

H. R. 123. An act for the relief of Robert Ellis, of the State of Michigan;

H. R 124. An act for the relief of Catharine Fulton, of Washington county, Pennsylvania;

H. R. 172. An act for the relief of Elijah H. Willis;

H. R. 183. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of William McKenzie, late a seaman on board the United States ship Vincennes;

H. R. 266. An act for the relief of Charles Cappel;

H. R. 350. An act supplemental to "an act to confirm the survey and location of claims for lands in the State of Mississippi, east of Pearl river, and south of thirty-first degree of north latitude," approved March 3, 1845;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

On motion of Mr. Burt, the House proceeded to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table: when

Two several messages from the President of the United States, heretofore received, were read, and are as follows:

FIRST MESSAGE.

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

In answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 17th instant, requesting the President "to communicate (if not inconsistent with the public interests) copies of all instructions given to the Hon. Ambrose H. Sevier and Nathan Clifford, commissioners appointed to conduct negotiations for the ratification of the treaty lately concluded between the United States and the republic of Mexico," I have to state that, in my opinion, it would be "inconsistent with the public interests" to give publicity to these instructions at the present time.

I avail myself of this occasion to observe that, as a general rule, applicable to all our important negotiations with foreign powers, it could not fail to be prejudicial to the public interest to publish the instructions to our ministers until some time had elapsed after the conclusion of such negotiations.

In the present case the object of the mission of our commissioners to Mexico has been accomplished. The treaty, as amended by the Senate of the United States, has been ratified. The ratifications have been exchanged, and the treaty has been proclaimed as the supreme law of the land. No contingency occurred which made it either necessary or proper for our commissioners to enter upon any negotiations with the Mexican government, further than to urge upon that government the ratification of the treaty in its amended form.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *July* 29, 1848.

*Ordered*, That the said message be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and printed.

SECOND MESSAGE.

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I communicate herewith a report from the Secretary of War, containing the information called for by the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 17th July, 1848, in relation to the number of Indians in Oregon, California, and New Mexico; the number of military posts; the number of troops which will be required in each, and "the whole military force which should constitute the peace establishment."

I have seen no reason to change the opinion expressed in my message to Congress of the 6th July, 1848, transmitting the treaty of peace with Mexico, that "the old army, as it existed before the commencement of the war with Mexico, especially if authority be given to fill up the rank and file of the several corps to the maximum number authorized during the war, will be a sufficient force to be retained in service during a period of peace."

The old army consists of fifteen regiments. By the act of the 13th of May, 1846, the President was authorized, by "voluntary enlistments, to increase the number of privates in each or any of the companies of the existing regiments of dragoons, artillery, and infantry, to any number not exceeding one hundred," and to "reduce the same to sixty-four when the exigencies requiring the present increase shall cease." Should this act remain in force, the maximum number of the rank and file of the army, authorized by it, would be over sixteen thousand men, exclusive of officers. Should the authority conferred by this act be continued, it would depend on the exigencies of the service whether the number of the rank and file should be increased, and if so, to what amount beyond the minimum number of sixty-four privates to a company.

Allowing sixty-four privates to a company, the army would be over ten thousand men, exclusive of commissioned and non-commissioned officers, a number which it is believed will be sufficient; but, as a precautionary measure, it is deemed expedient that the Executive should possess the power of increasing the strength of the respective corps, should the exigencies of the service be such as to require it. Should these exigencies not call for such increase, the discretionary power given by the act to the President will not be exercised.

It will be seen from the report of the Secretary of War that a portion of the forces will be employed in Oregon, New Mexico, and Upper California; a portion for the protection of the Texas frontier adjoining the Mexican possessions, and bordering on the territory occupied by the Indian tribes within her limits. After detailing the force necessary for these objects, it is believed a sufficient number of troops will remain to afford security and protection to our Indian frontiers in the west and northwest, and to occupy, with sufficient garrisons, the posts on our northern and Atlantic borders.

I have no reason at present to believe that any increase of the number of regiments or corps will be required during a period of peace.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, *August* 1, 1848.

*Ordered*, That the said message be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and printed.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, enclosing a map or sketch of the estimated surface of the territories of the United States, north and west of the regularly organized States of the Union, compiled from Tanner's large map of North America, and Disturnell's map of Mexico, published in New York in 1847, and on which is represented the parallel of thirty-six degrees thirty minutes north latitude: which was referred to the Committee on Engraving, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of printing the said map.

The amendments of the Senate to the resolution of the House (No. 29) authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish the clerk of the district court of the United States for the western district of Virginia four copies of Little & Brown's edition of the Laws of the United States, were severally read and agreed to, and the title read, and amended to read: "Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish the clerks of the several district and circuit courts of the United States with copies of Little & Brown's edition of the Laws of the United States.,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 478) entitled "An act for the relief of Archibald Beard and twenty-one other Tennessee mounted volunteers," were severally read and agreed to; and the title read, and amended to read, "An act for the relief of certain Tennessee volunteers."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. McClelland,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw the papers in the case of the widow of Henry Smith, deceased.

The resolution from the Senate (No. 33) authorizing the proper accounting officers of the treasury to make a just and fair settlement of the claims of the Cherokee nation of Indians, according to the principles established by the treaty of August, 1846, was read a first and second time, and, by unanimous consent, ordered to be read a third time.

The resolution was accordingly read the third time.

And, after debate,

Mr. Robert W. Johnson moved the previous question: when

Mr. Bowlin moved that the resolution be laid upon the table: which motion was disagreed to; and

The previous question, moved by Mr. Johnson, was then seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the resolution pass?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 114 / Nays ..... 75

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry

Mr. Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
William L. Goggin
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane

Mr. Horace Mann
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
William A. Newell
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston

Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Andrew Johnson
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin

Mr. John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nicoll
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas

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| Mr. Robert A. Thompson | Mr. John Van Dyke | Mr. William W. Wick |
| William Thompson | Abraham W. Venable | James S. Wiley |
| Benjamin B. Thurston | Samuel F. Vinton | Hezekiah Williams |
| Thomas J. Turner | Daniel Wallace | David Wilmot. |

So the said resolution was passed.

Mr. Jacob Thompson moved that the vote upon the passage of the said resolution be reconsidered.

And, after debate,

The said resolution, on motion of Mr. Clingman, was amended, by unanimous consent of the House, by striking out the word "*settlement*," in the fourth line of the engrossed resolution, and inserting "*statement*" in lieu thereof.

The question recurred on the motion to reconsider: when

Mr. Gentry moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

The bill from the Senate (No. 276) for the relief of Charity Herrington, was read a first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time.

The bill was thereupon read the third time accordingly, and passed.

Subsequently, a motion was made by Mr. James Thompson that the vote on the passage of the bill be reconsidered: which motion was by general consent postponed for the present.

The bill from the Senate (No. 137) entitled "An act providing for the obtaining of testimony in relation to claims for losses sustained in the late Florida war," was read a first and second time, and the question was stated on ordering it to a third reading.

And, after debate,

Mr. Dickinson moved that it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Burt moved that the bill be laid upón the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the said bill was laid upon the table.

Mr. Bowlin moved that the vote on laying the bill upon the table be reconsidered, and that his said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 128. An act to carry into effect certain provisions in the treaties between the United States and China and the Ottoman Porte, giving certain judicial powers to ministers and consuls of the United States in those countries;

No. 136. An act for giving effect to certain treaty stipulations between this and foreign governments for the apprehension and delivering up of certain offenders;

No. 323 An act to modify the fourth clause of the seventh section of an act entitled "An act to enable the people of Wisconsin Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union," approved August 6, 1846;

No. 282. An act for the better organization of the district court of the United States within the State of Louisiana;

No. 256. An act for the relief of the representatives of Thomas G. V. Owen, deceased;

were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 128. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 136. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 323. To the Committee on the Public Lands.

No. 282. To the Committee on the Judiciary.

No. 256. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Brodhead moved that the vote on the reference of the aforementioned bill (No. 128) be reconsidered: which motion was disagreed to.

The bill of the House (No. 352) entitled "An act to change the place of holding the district court of the United States for the middle district of Alabama, and for other purposes, (which was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on the 19th of July last,) was read the third time and passed, under the previous question moved by Mr. Hilliard.

Mr. Hilliard moved that the vote upon the passage of the bill be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid on the table: which motion was agreed to.

The House again resumed the consideration of the resolution of the Senate (No. 22) to authorize and require a renewal of a contract for carrying the mail: when

A motion was made by Mr. Howell Cobb, that the said resolution be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the resolution be laid upon the table: which motion he withdrew at the request of Mr. Goggin, who subsequently renewed the same.

And the question being put on agreeing to the said motion of Mr. Goggin, that the resolution be laid on the table?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 121 / Nays ..... 65

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Thomas H. Bayly
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
Lynn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey

Mr. Rudolphus Dickinson
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Meredith P. Gentry
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston

Mr. Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Samuel Lahm
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell

Mr. Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Gideon Reynolds
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
Mr. John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Eliakim Sherrill
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
David A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Mr. James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Richard L. T. Beale
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
James Dixon
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
Mr. John Gayle
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
William T. Haskell
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Robert M. McLane
George P. Marsh
William Nelson
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
Mr. Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Chase moved that the last-named vote be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate (No. 95) entitled "An act granting to the State of Illinois the right of way and a donation of public lands for making a railroad connecting the upper and lower Mississippi with the chain of northern lakes at Chicago: which was reported with amendments from the Committee on Public Lands on the 23d of June last.

The said amendments were read, and the question was stated on agreeing thereto.

And, after debate,

On motion of Mr. Caleb B. Smith, the House proceeded to the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 201) to establish the territorial government of Oregon; the question being on agreeing to the amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and upon which the previous question was moved, and the main question ordered yesterday; and

The following amendment was read, viz: Strike out the following

words, in the 9th, 10th, and 11th lines of the 2d section of the bill, as printed:

"*And shall approve of all laws passed by the Legislative Assembly before they shall take effect.*"

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 133 / Nays ..... 63

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Beverly L. Clark
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle

Mr. Meredith P Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Hugh L W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
George S Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P Marsh
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newell

Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepherd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Thomas S Bocock
Franklin W Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown

Mr. Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Franklin Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John R. J. Daniel
James J. Faran

Mr. Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
James S. Green
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson

Mr. John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
Mr. James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Robert M. McLane
Richard K. Meade
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Sawyer
Mr. Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Nathan K. Hall moved that the last mentioned vote be reconsidered, and that his said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

The following amendment was read, viz: Strike out, in the 12th section of the said bill as printed, all after the word "*that*," where it first occurs, down to and including the words "*Oregon;* and," in the 10th line, which is as follows:

"That the inhabitants of said territory shall be entitled to enjoy all and singular the rights, privileges, and advantages granted and secured to the people of the territory of the United States northwest of the river Ohio, by the articles of compact contained in the ordinance for the government of said territory, on the thirteenth day of July, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven; and shall be subject to all the conditions, and restrictions, and prohibitions in said articles of compact imposed upon the people of said Territory; and"

The question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 88 / Nays ..... 114 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Garnett Duncan
Mr. Alexander Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
Mr. George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
John K. Miller
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
John L. Robinson
J. Dixon Roman
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson

Mr. Alexander D. Sims
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Bannon G. Thibodeaux
James H. Thomas
Mr. Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Mr. Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Franklin Clark
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
George Fries
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Mr. David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
James Pollock
Mr. Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

Mr. Root moved that the last named vote be reconsidered, and that his said motion to reconsider be laid on the table: which motion was agreed to.

All the other amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, were read and agreed to without a division; and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

Mr. Vinton moved that the vote on engrossing be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when

The previous question was moved by Mr. Alexander Evans, and seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 128 / Nays ..... 71

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Hiram Belcher
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
James B. Bowlin
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
John Freedley
George Fries
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale

Mr. Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William A Newell
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee

Mr. Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
James Pollock
Gideon Reynolds
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb

Mr. John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Garnett Duncan
Alexander Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Meredith P. Gentry
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell

Mr. Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alfred Iverson
Robert W. Johnson
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
T. Butler King
Emile La Sère
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
James McDowell
James J. McKay

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| Mr. Robert M. McLane | Mr. J. Dixon Roman | Mr. Jacob Thompson |
| Richard K. Meade | Augustine H. Shepperd | Robert A. Thompson |
| David Outlaw | Richard F. Simpson | Patrick W. Tompkins |
| John S. Pendleton | Alexander D. Sims | Robert Toombs |
| John S. Phelps | Frederick P. Stanton | Abraham W. Venable |
| Timothy Pillsbury | Alexander H. Stephens | Daniel Wallace |
| William B. Preston | Bannon G. Thibodeaux | Joseph A. Woodward. |
| R. Barnwell Rhett | James H. Thomas | |

Mr. Wentworth moved that the vote on the passage be reconsidered, and that his said motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled joint resolutions and bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 29. Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish the clerks of the several district and circuit courts of the United States with copies of Little & Brown's edition of the Laws of the United States;

H. R. 38. Joint Resolution of thanks to the officers, sailors, and marines of the United States navy;

H. R. 398. An act for the relief of those pre-emption claimants upon the Miami lands in Indiana who, by their services in the Mexican war, are entitled to bounty lands;

H. R. 478. An act for the relief of certain Tennessee volunteers; and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said resolutions and bills.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ashmun reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill (No. 618) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Vinton offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate on House bill No. 618, for the support of the army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1849, shall cease in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, on Friday next, at 12 o'clock, meridian.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Bowlin moved, at 3 o'clock and thirty minutes, that the House adjourn; which motion was not agreed to.

The question recurred on agreeing to the resolution offered by Mr. Vinton: when

Mr. Daniel moved to amend the same, by striking out the word "Friday," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the word "Saturday."

Mr. Vinton moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and the said amendment was disagreed to; and

The said resolution, as introduced by Mr. Vinton, was then agreed to by the House.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. La Sere: The memorial of Howell and Coats, of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, praying remuneration for the loss of a flat boat, through the act of an officer of government.

Also, the petition of Edward Wood and company, of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, praying payment for provisions and other articles furnished the United States steam vessel Eudora.

*Ordered*, That said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Pollock: The memorial of citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the purchase of Mount Vernon by the general government: which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Daniel P. King: The memorial of the Boston Seamen's Friend Society, in the State of Massachusetts, remonstrating against the removal of the Chelsea marine hospital: which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. A. Johnson: The memorial of citizens of Hawkins county, in the State of Tennessee, praying for the establishment of a mail route from Baymount, in Green county, to Rogersville, in Hawkins county: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. I. E. Holmes: The supplemental memorial of Charles Lee Jones, in reply to the counter-memorial from Jalapa, in Mexico, of certain volunteers, in relation to Captain George W. Hughes: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

And then,

On motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at twenty minutes before 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 10'clock, a. m.

## THURSDAY, August 3, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills and a resolution of the following titles:

No. 309. An act for the relief of Ward and Smith.

No. 291. An act to compensate R. M. Johnson for the erection of certain buildings for the use of the Choctaw academy.

No. 326. An act to grant to the State of Wisconsin the military reservation at Fort Winnebago.

No. 37. A resolution granting to the Jackson Monument committee certain brass guns and mortars captured by General Andrew Jackson, and for other purposes: in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have passed the joint resolution of the House (No. 37) concerning certain portions of the marine and ordnance corps, with amendments: in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills,

reported that the committee did, on yesterday, present to the President of the United States, bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 219. An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending 30th June, 1849.

H. R. No. 10. An act for the relief of William Culver.

H. R. No. 31. An act for the relief of E. G. Smith.

H. R. No. 34. An act for the relief of Bent, St. Vrain, and Company.

H. R. No. 35. An act for the relief of J. Throckmorton.

H. R. No. 36. An act for the relief of John Anderson.

H. R. No. 49. An act for the relief of Amzy Judd.

H. R. No. 51. An act for the relief of the heirs of Matthew Stewart.

H. R. No. 94. An act for the relief of Bennet M. Dell.

H. R. No. 99. An act for the relief of John Manly.

H. R. No. 100. An act for the relief of Sarah Stokes, widow of John Stokes.

H. R. No. 116. An act for the relief of Benjamin White.

H. R. No. 122. An act for the relief of Jonathan Moore, of the State of Massachusetts.

H. R. No. 123. An act for the relief of Robert Ellis, of the State of Michigan.

H. R. No. 124. An act for the relief of Catharine Fulton, of Washington county, Pennsylvania.

H. R. No. 172. An act for the relief of Elijah H. Willis.

H. R. No. 183. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of William McKenzie, late a seaman on board the United States ship Vincennes.

H. R No. 266. An act for the relief of Charles Cappel.

H. R. No. 350. An act supplemental to an act to confirm the survey and location of claims for lands in the State of Mississippi, east of Pearl river, and south of the thirty-first degree of north latitude, approved March 3, 1845.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the vote on agreeing to the resolution, yesterday, for closing debate upon the bill (No. 618) making appropriations for the support of the army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1849, "at 12 o'clock to-morrow," be reconsidered.

Mr. Venable moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 81 / Nays ..... 59

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. William G. Brown | Mr. Nathan Evans |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Lucien B. Chase | James J. Faran |
| Ausburn Birdsall | Beverly L. Clark | Winfield S. Featherston |
| Thomas S. Bocock | Howell Cobb | Orlando B. Ficklin |
| James B. Bowlin | John W. Crisfield | David Fisher |
| Nathaniel Boydon | John H. Crozier | Thomas S. Flournoy |
| Jasper E. Brady | George N. Eckert | John Freedley |

Mr. Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Lewis C. Levin
Mr. Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Joseph Mullin
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William Rockhill
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Mr. William Sawyer
Elhakim Sherrill
Richard F. Simpson
Alexander D. Sims
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
John Blanchard
Chester Butler
Charles W. Cathcart
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
Mr. Alexander Evans
Joshua R. Giddings
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
William Nelson
John G. Palfrey
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
John L. Robinson
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert C. Schenck
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Richard W. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 172) entitled "An act for the relief of D. A. Watterston;" also, the bill from the Senate (No. 171) entitled "An act for the relief of Charles M. Gibson," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, from the Committee of Claims, reported the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That on Tuesday next, no other business shall be in order but the consideration of Senate bills on the private calendar, and the bills to which there is no objection shall first be considered in the Committee of the Whole House.

Objection being made to the said resolution, Mr. Rockwell moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering the same.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. Hudson,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Samuel Davis, for the bounty due on the fishing schooner Daniel, and that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion of Mr. Flournoy,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of William B. Crews, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Grinnell, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 482) entitled "An act to establish a collection district in the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes," reported the concurrence of the committee to the said amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said amendment; when the same was read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Grinnell, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 294) entitled "An act making appropriations for light-houses, light-boats, buoys, &c., and providing for the erection and establishment of the same, reported the said bill with amendments.

Mr. Grinnell moved that the said bill be made a special order; which was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Grinnell, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 630) to authorize the issuing a register to the barque Mary Teresa: which bill was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Grinnell, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 631) to regulate the pay of certain collectors of the customs, and for other purposes: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gregory, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Elliot Smith and Nathan Farnsworth, accompanied by a bill (No. 632) for their relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the report and bill ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Moses Hampton,

*Ordered*, That the committee of the Whole House to-morrow be discharged from the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 414) to refund a penalty remitted by the Secretary of the Treasury to John Hardorp.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill: when
It was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

The bill being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the House (No. 178) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to license yachts, and for other purposes.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill: when
It was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

And being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Hunt, from the Committee on Commerce, moved that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 251) for the allowance of drawback on wheat imported from the British North American provinces, when manufactured in the United States and exported to foreign countries.

Objection being made,

Mr. Hunt moved that the rules be suspended; which motion was disagreed to—two-thirds *not* voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. Dunn,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill of the House (No. 520) to grant the right of way through the public lands in Indiana and Illinois to the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company; and

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, and the question was stated on ordering it to be engrossed: when

Mr. Howell Cobb moved to amend the bill, (as printed,) by adding at the end thereof the following:

"*And provided, further*, That this grant of the right of way is made upon the condition that the said company shall carry the United States mails on the lowest terms paid for similar services to other railroad companies; and if the said company shall fail to carry the same, then this grant shall become null and void."

The said amendment was read and agreed to, and under the previous question moved by Mr. Dunn,

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time.

And being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did this day approve and sign the bill (No. 219) entitled "An act making

appropriations for the naval service for the year ending 30th June, 1849."

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ashmun reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill of the House (No. 618) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending 30th June, 1849, had come to no resolution thereon.

And then, on motion of Mr. Alexander Evans, the House, at twenty minutes past 12 o'clock at night, adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

## FRIDAY, August 4, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill of the House (No. 352) entitled "An act to change the place of holding the district court of the United States for the middle district of Alabama, and for other purposes," without amendment.

The Senate have agreed to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the resolution of the Senate (No. 33) authorizing the proper accounting officers of the treasury to make a just and fair statement of the claims of the Cherokee nation of Indians, according to the principles established by the treaty of August, 1846.

Under the rule of the House, Mr. Nicoll handed to the clerk a notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to abolish imprisonment for non-performance of maritime contracts.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States resolutions and bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 29. Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish the clerks of the several district and circuit courts of the United States with copies of Little & Brown's edition of the Laws of the United States.

H. R. No. 38. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers, sailors, and marines of the United States navy.

H. R. No. 398. An act for the relief of those pre-emption claimants upon the Miami lands in Indiana who, by their services in the Mexican war, are entitled to bounty lands.

H. R. No. 478. An act for the relief of certain Tennessee volunteers.

Mr. French moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the bill upon the Speaker's table (No. 291) to compensate R. M. Johnson for the erection of certain buildings for the use of the Choctaw academy.

And the question being put, it appeared there was not a quorum present.

Mr. Chase moved that there be a call of the House: which motion was disagreed to.

A quorum having appeared,

The question was again put on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. French.

And decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the consideration of private bills: which motion was disagreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill (No. 337) for the relief of James M. Scantland; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have passed bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

No. 414. An act to refund a penalty remitted by the Secretary of the Treasury to John Hardorp;

No. 465. An act for the relief of Catharine Hoffman;

No. 178. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to license yachts, and for other purposes;

No. 592. An act to annex that part of the State of Indiana bordering on Lake Michigan to the Chicago collection district;

severally without amendment.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Elias B. Holmes, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ashmun reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill of the House (No. 618) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 352. An act to change the place of holding the district court of the United States for the middle district of Alabama, and for other purposes;

H. R. No. 482. An act to annex the town of Essex, in the State of Massachusetts, to the collection district of Gloucester;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. Pendleton: The memorial of Robert G. Ward and Fayette Mauzy, praying to be released from a judgment recorded against them in favor of the United States: which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

By Mr. D. P. King: The memorial of Charles Colburn, late yeoman in the navy, praying compensation for his services: which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Palfrey: The memorial of R. R. Gurley, praying for the

purchase of Catlin's collection of paintings and rare objects illustrative of the manners and customs of the North American Indians: which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

And then, on motion of Mr. Stephens, the House, at 4 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

## SATURDAY, August 5, 1848.

Mr. McClelland, by unanimous consent, from the select committee on rules, reported the following amendment to the 50th rule of the House, viz:

Amend rule 50th, by inserting therein, after the word *vote* in the sixth line of the rules as printed, the following: *upon a motion to commit, if such shall have been made; and if this motion does not prevail, then.*"

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the affirmative.

And the said rule, as amended, is as follows:

"50. The previous question shall be in this form: 'Shall the main question be now put?' " It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; and its effects shall be, to put an end to all debate, and bring the House to a direct vote *upon a motion to commit, if such motion shall have been made; and if this motion does not prevail, then*, upon amendments reported by a committee, if any; then, upon pending amendments; and then upon the main question. On a motion for the previous question, and prior to the seconding of the same, a call of the House shall be in order; but, after a majority shall have seconded such motion, no call shall be in order prior to the decision of the main question."

Mr. Barrow moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the bill from the Senate (No. 337) entitled "An act for the relief of James M. Scantland."

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative—two-thirds voting in favor thereof.

The House accordingly proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; when

It was read a first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

Thereupon,

The said bill was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Andrew Stewart moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to send to this House, forthwith, the letters and vouchers in support of the claims and extra allowances paid to Lewis Cass, over and above his regular salary of $2,000 a year as governor and ex-officio superintendent of Indian affairs for the territory of Michigan, to wit: The letters and vouchers in support of the extra allowance paid him—

1. For clerk-hire, office-rent, &c., from the 9th October, 1813, to the 31st July, 1831, at $1,500 per annum, as per Doc. No. 244, 3d sess., 25th Cong., page 2, amounting to..... $26,715 00
2. For rations, to wit: 10 rations a day, at 20 cents each, from the 9th October, 1813, to the 29th May, 1822, as per same document and page..... 6,610 00
3. For services as superintendent of Indian affairs, said to have been rendered out of the Territory of Michigan, from the 29th May, 1822, to 31st August, 1832, at $1,500 per annum, as per Doc. No. 6, 3d sess., 27th Cong., page 13..... 14,375 00
4. For aiding in the negotiation of sundry treaties, whilst governor and ex-officio superintendent of Indian affairs, as aforesaid, 772 days, at $8 per day, and 40 cents per mile travelled by him, as per same document, pages 11 and 12..... 9,744 00
5. For attending at Washington, to settle his own accounts for extra pay, &c., 208 days, to wit: from the 21st October, 1821, to the 29th May, 1822, for mileage, 10 rations per day, &c., same document, page 11..... 1,448 00
6. For alleged services whilst governor and superintendent of Indian affairs, "in preparing a code for the regulation of Indian affairs," 111 days, to wit: from the 22d October, 1828, to the 10th February, 1829, as per same document, page 12..... 1,520 00
7. For extra pay whilst governor, &c., as aforesaid, "as deputy quartermaster general," in the army, for one year, as per Doc. 18, 1st sess., 28th Cong., page 25..... 1,001 80
8. For extra pay and allowances as captain in the regular army, whilst governor, as aforesaid, to wit: from the 12th May, 1817, to the 28th of June, 1821, as per same document, same page..... 2,526 66
9. Letters and vouchers filed in support of the following items in the account rendered by Governor Cass against the United States the 21st of July, 1832, (about one year after his appointment as Secretary of War,) and said not to be embraced in any of the previous quarterly settlements of his accounts with the government, to wit: for alleged balances and over-payments by him as superintendent of Indian affairs, as per Doc. No. 112, 3d sess., 25th Cong., page 16, on the following accounts, to wit:
   1. For over-payments on account of contingencies for Indian department..... $3,398 55
   2. For over-payments to Indian sub-agents..... 363 15

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| 3. For overpayments on account of presents to Indians | $416 80 | |
| 4. For overpayments on account of annuities under the appropriation act of May 15, 1820 | 5,370 15 | |
| 5. For overpayments on account of annuities under act of 2d March, 1829 | 245 43 | |
| 6. For overpayments on account of annuities under the appropriation act of 25th March, 1830 | 32,711 27 | |
| 7. For alleged balance on account of the treaty at Prairie du Chien | 440 00 | |
| 8. For alleged overpayments and balances due him on account of Indian department prior to 1829 | 10,183 61 | |
| Amounting, in all, to | | 53,128 96 |
| 10. The requisition drawn on the Treasury in favor of Governor Cass, (No. 2,906,) dated the 21st July, 1832, about one year after his appointment as Secretary of War, to settle alleged balance due him on account of the overpayments, &c., as aforesaid, same document, same page | | $35,075 00 |

11. The endorsements on the said account by Governor Cass, then Secretary of War, after the issue and payment of the said requisition of $35,075, for the balance alleged to be due him, by which the final settlement of the said account was suspended, owing to the "peculiar position in which I (he, Governor Cass) stand in relation to the department," and whereby the final settlement was suspended until the 5th day of December, 1837, when it was finally closed, as appears by the letter of William B. Lewis, the Second Auditor of the Treasury at that date, as per Doc. No. 112, 3d sess., 25th Cong., page 16.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof. { Yeas ..... 87 / Nays ..... 61

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. John R. J. Daniel | Mr. Andrew S. Fulton |
| Green Adams | John Dickey | John Gayle |
| Daniel M. Barringer | James Dixon | Meredith P. Gentry |
| Washington Barrow | Richard S. Donnell | Joshua R. Giddings |
| John Blanchard | Daniel Duncan | William L. Goggin |
| Nathaniel Boydon | George G. Dunn | Daniel Gott |
| Jasper E. Brady | George N. Eckert | Dudley S. Gregory |
| Chester Butler | Thomas O. Edwards | Joseph Grinnell |
| E. Carrington Cabell | Elisha Embree | Artemas Hale |
| Richard S. Canby | Alexander Evans | Nathan K. Hall |
| Thomas L. Clingman | Nathan Evans | Moses Hampton |
| William M. Cocke | John W. Farrelly | William Henry |
| Jacob Collamer | David Fisher | Elias B. Holmes |
| Robert B. Cranston | Thomas S. Flournoy | Charles Hudson |
| John H. Crozier | John Freedley | Washington Hunt |

Mr. Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Mr. Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Mr. Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E Edsall
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Mr. James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Mr. Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Wiillams.

Mr. Richard W. Thompson moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the bill from the Senate, upon the Speaker's table, (No. 291,) entitled "An act to compensate R. M. Johnson for the erection of certain buildings for the use of the Choctaw Academy: which motion was disagreed to—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of the business upon the Speaker's table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 100 / Nays..... 70

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Mr. Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Mr. William M. Cocke
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin

Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Mr. Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
Mr. Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
Joseph M. Root
Augustine H. Shepperd
Richard F. Simpson
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
Mr. David Fisher
John Freedley
Meredith P. Gentry
Joshua R. Giddings
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
William Henry
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Mr. John G. Palfrey
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday present to the President of the United States the following bills of the House, viz:

No. 352. An act to change the place of holding the district court of the United States for the middle district of Alabama, and for other purposes.

No. 482. An act to annex the town of Essex, in the State of Massachusetts, to the collection district of Gloucester.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the same committee, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 337. An act for the relief of James M. Scantland;

H. R. No. 178. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to license yachts, and for other purposes;

H. R. No. 414. An act to refund a penalty remitted by the Secretary of the Treasury to John Hardorp;

H. R. No. 465. An act for the relief of Catharine Hoffman; and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed said bills.

Mr. Peck, from the same committee, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled resolution of the following title, viz:

S. No. 33. A resolution authorizing the proper accounting officers of the treasury to make a just and fair settlement of the claims of the Cherokee nation of Indians, according to the principles established by the treaty of August, 1846; and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said resolution.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary: which was delivered in at the Speaker's table.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cabell reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill of the House (No. 618) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849; and, finding itself without a quorum, he had directed the roll of members to be called, and the following are the names of the absentees, to be entered upon the journal:

Washington Barrow, Thomas H. Bayly, Henry Bedinger, Hiram Belcher, John Blanchard, Thomas S. Bocock, James B. Bowlin, Samuel A. Bridges, Albert G. Brown, Aylett Buckner, Chester Butler, Charles W. Cathcart, John G. Chapman, Lucien B. Chase, Howell Cobb, William Collins, John D. Cummins, Joseph E. Edsall, John W. Farrelly, Orlando B. Ficklin, David Fisher, John P. Gaines, Meredith P. Gentry, Joshua R. Giddings, James S. Green, David Hammons, James G. Hampton, Henry W. Hilliard, John W. Houston, Alexander Irvin, John Jamieson, James H. Johnson, Samuel Lahm, Shepherd Leffler, Lewis C. Levin, Horace Mann, Charles S. Morehead, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, Henry Nes, John G. Palfrey, Samuel O. Peyton, Timothy Pillsbury, James Pollock, Harvey Putnam, R. Barnwell Rhett, William A. Richardson, John L. Robinson, Robert C. Schenck, Alexander D. Sims, Frederick D. Stanton, Alexander H. Stevens, Charles E. Stuart, William Strong, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, John B. Thompson, Robert A. Thompson, James Wilson.

A quorum having appeared,

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ashmun reported that the committee having, according to order, had the State of the Union

generally under consideration, particularly the said bill, (No. 618,) had directed him to report the same to the House, with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; and the question was stated on agreeing to the said amendments: when

Mr. Ashmun moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and stated: when

Mr. George W. Jones moved, at ten minutes before 4 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn: which motion was decided in the negative.

The question recurred on agreeing to the amendments to the said bill, (No. 618,) which was read, and sundry of them agreed to without a division: when

Mr. Kaufman moved, at 4 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was decided in the negative: and

The remaining amendments to the said bill (No. 618) were then disposed of; and

The bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time.

And, being engrossed, it was accordingly read the third time: when

Mr. Richard W. Thompson moved that the vote on engrossing be reconsidered.

And, after debate, he moved the previous question, which he withdrew at the request of Mr. McClelland, who subsequently renewed the same.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 81 / Nays ..... 84

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Jacob Collamer
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall
Winfield S. Featherston
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green

Mr. Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
George P. Marsh

Mr. Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John Dickey
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly

Mr. David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson

Mr. William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth.

And then, on motion of Mr. Chase, the House, at fifteen minutes before 5 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until Monday next, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

## MONDAY, August 7, 1848.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 618) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, (which was pending when the House adjourned on Saturday last:) the question being on the motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and upon which the previous question was moved on Saturday by Mr. McClelland.

Thereupon,

Mr. McClelland, at the request of Mr. Hunt, withdrew the previous question; and Mr. Hunt subsequently renewed the same.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that there be a call of the House.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 75 / Nays ..... 87 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon

Mr. Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins

Mr. John Crowell
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston

Mr. Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.

Mr. Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey

Mr. John L. Robinson
Joseph M. Root
Richard F. Simpson
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are;

Mr. Amos Abbott
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale

Mr. Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John Pettit
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell

Mr. John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
William W. Wick
Joseph A. Woodward.

The previous question moved by Mr. Hunt was then seconded, and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the said vote be reconsidered?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 53 / Nays..... 120

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby

Mr. John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan

Mr. George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Richard French
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell

Mr. Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Charles S. Morehead
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
Mr. John G. Palfrey
William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Mr. Caleb B. Smith
Andrew Stewart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Washington Barrow
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Joseph E. Edsall
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
James G. Hampton
Mr. David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the said vote was *not* reconsidered; and

The question recurred on the passage of the bill; which was thereupon read the third time.

And the question being put, Shall it pass?

It was decided in the affirmative—under the previous question moved by Mr. Vinton.

Subsequently, Mr. Richard W. Thompson moved that the vote on the passage of the bill be reconsidered.

And, after debate,

Mr. Hunt moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table: which motion was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 630) entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the barque Mary Teresa, without amendment.

They have passed a bill (No. 344) entitled "An act for the relief of Shadrach Gillett and others;

Also, the bill from the House of Representatives (No. 298) entitled "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine," with amendments;

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (No. 630) entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the barque Mary Teresa; and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Vinton, the amendments of the Senate to the said bill of the House (No. 298) were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means; and leave was granted to said committee to sit during the sessions of the House.

Resolutions being in order, from the State of Wisconsin, Mr. Darling offered the following:

*Resolved*, That there be paid, out of the contingent fund of the House, to the officers, clerks, messengers, pages, and laborers thereof, the compensation usually allowed by the House and Senate at the close of a session.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Darling moved the previous question.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the resolution be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 54 / Nays ..... 122 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. James J. Faran | Mr. George W. Jones |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Richard French | William Kennon, jr. |
| James B. Bowlin | Joseph Grinnell | Sidney Lawrence |
| Linn Boyd | Artemas Hale | Frederick W. Lord |
| Richard Brodhead | Willard P. Hall | John H. Lumpkin |
| Charles Brown | Hugh A. Haralson | Robert McClelland |
| Armistead Burt | Samson W. Harris | James McDowell |
| Chester Butler | Thomas J. Henley | James J. McKay |
| Howell Cobb | Hugh L. W. Hill | Job Mann |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | Elias B. Holmes | Richard K. Meade |
| Robert B. Cranston | George S. Houston | John K. Miller |
| John H. Crozier | Charles Hudson | Jonathan D. Morris |
| John R. J. Daniel | Alfred Iverson | Joseph Mullin |
| John Dickey | Andrew Johnson | William Nelson |

Mr. George Petrie
William A. Richardson
John L. Robinson
Joseph M. Root
Mr. William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Mr. Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
Thomas H. Bayly
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Mr. William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Robert W. Johnson
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Mr. John Pettit
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

The question recurred on seconding the previous question: when Mr. Darling modified his said resolution as follows:

*Resolved*, That there be paid, out of the contingent fund of the House, to the assistant clerks, messengers, pages, and laborers thereof, including folders and police of the Capitol, with its messenger and laborer, the extra compensation usually allowed by the House and Senate at the close of a session.

The previous question moved by Mr. Darling was then seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 119 / Nays ..... 54

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Thomas H. Bayly
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy

Mr. John Freedley
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Robert W. Johnson
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
George P. Marsh
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds

Mr. William Rockhill
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
David A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Lynn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Armistead Burt
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
Daniel Gott
Willard P. Hall

Mr. Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles Hudson
Samuel W. Inge
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Sidney Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay

Mr. Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
John Pettit
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Joseph M. Root
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the vote on the passage of the resolution be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid on the table: which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Boyd the rules were suspended, and the House proceeded to the consideration of bills upon the Speaker's table: when

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

No. 291. An act to compensate R. M. Johnson for the erection of certain buildings for the use of the Choctaw academy;

No. 309. An act for the relief of Ward & Smith;

No. 326. An act to grant to the State of Wisconsin the military reservation at Fort Winnebago;

No. 344. An act for the relief of Shadrack Gillet and others; were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 291. To the Committee on Indian Affairs.

No. 309. To the Committee of Claims.

No. 326. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

No. 344. To the Committee on Private Land Claims.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the joint resolution of the House (No. 37) entitled "A joint resolution concerning certain portions of the marine corps:" when the said amendments were severally read and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the resolution from the Senate (No. 37) entitled "A resolution granting to the Jackson monument committee certain brass guns and mortars captured by General Andrew Jackson, and for other purposes:" which was read a first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

And thereupon,

The said resolution was read the third time, and passed.

Subsequently, Mr. Alexander Evans moved that the vote on the passage of the said resolution be reconsidered, and moved the previous question thereon, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and the said vote was reconsidered.

The question recurred on the passage of the resolution: when

Mr. Ashmun moved that the vote by which the said resolution was ordered to a third reading, be reconsidered: which was agreed to under the previous question moved by Mr. Ashmun.

The question recurred on ordering the said resolution to a third reading: when

Mr. Schenck moved to amend the resolution by striking out all of the same after the word "*patriot*," in the fifteenth line of the engrossed bill, to and including the word "committee," in line nineteenth. The part struck out is as follows:

"Together with such other pieces of brass ordnance, reported 'unserviceable,' as the chief of the ordnance office may designate as sufficient for the purposes of the said committee."

The question was stated on agreeing to the said amendment: when

Mr. T. Butler King moved that the resolution be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 74 / Nays ..... 101 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Mr. George N. Eckert
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Mr. Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Richard F. Simpson
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Daniel Wallace
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
William Duer
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
David Hammons
Mr. Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nes
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Mr. Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Peter H. Sylvester
Alexander D. Sims
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams.

The question recurred on the amendment moved by Mr. Schenck. And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, under the previous question moved by Mr. Schenck.

The resolution was again ordered to be read a third time to-day, and thereupon it was accordingly read the third time, and passed, under the previous question moved by Mr. Kaufman.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the amendment to the said resolution.

Mr. Botts introduced the following resolution—the rules being suspended for the purpose:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to furnish to such members of the present House as have not already received them, such books as were furnished to the members of the 28th and 29th Congress, and such other books as were distributed in the last Congress to the members of the Senate: *Provided*, That this resolution shall not be construed to authorize the reprinting of such books.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Botts moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the resolution pass?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 117 / Nays ..... 59

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans

Mr. David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin

Mr. Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Thomas Richey
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson

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| Mr. William Thompson | Mr. Thomas J. Turner | Mr. Hugh White |
| Benjamin B. Thurston | John Van Dyke | James S. Wiley |
| Patrick W. Tompkins | Cornelius Warren | Hezekiah Williams |
| Amos Tuck | John Wentworth | David Wilmot. |

Those who voted in the negative are,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. Richard French | Mr. James J. McKay |
| Daniel M. Barringer | George Fries | Robert M. McLane |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Daniel Gott | Richard K. Meade |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Hugh A. Haralson | John K. Miller |
| Thomas S. Bocock | John H. Harmanson | Jonathan D. Morris |
| James B. Bowlin | Samson W. Harris | John S. Phelps |
| Linn Boyd | Thomas J. Henley | William B. Preston |
| Armistead Burt | George S. Houston | William A. Richardson |
| Charles W. Cathcart | John W. Houston | John L. Robinson |
| Lucien B. Chase | Samuel W. Inge | William Rockhill |
| Thomas L. Clingman | Alfred Iverson | Julius Rockwell |
| Howell Cobb | Andrew Johnson | Augustine H. Shepherd |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | Robert W. Johnson | Richard F. Simpson |
| William M. Cocke | George W. Jones | James H. Thomas |
| John H. Crozier | John W. Jones | Robert A. Thompson |
| John R. J. Daniel | David S. Kaufman | Robert Toombs |
| James Dixon | William Kennon, jr. | Abraham W. Venable |
| Elisha Embree | John H. Lumpkin | Daniel Wallace |
| James J. Faran | Robert McClelland | Joseph A. Woodward. |
| Winfield S. Featherston | James McDowell | |

Mr. Botts moved that the vote on the passage of the resolution be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to:

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did, on the 5th instant, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 10. An act for the relief of William Culver.

H. R. No. 31. An act for the relief of E. G. Smith.

H. R. No. 34. An act for the relief of Bent, St. Vrain & Co..

H. R. No. 35. An act for the relief of J. Throckmorton.

H. R. No. 36. An act for the relief of John Anderson.

H. R. No. 49. An act for the relief of Amzy Judd.

H. R. No. 51. An act for the relief of the heirs of Mathew Stewart.

H. R. No. 94. An act for the relief of Bennet M. Dell.

H. R. No. 99. An act for the relief of John Manley.

H. R. No. 100. An act for the relief of Sarah Stokes, widow of John Stokes.

H. R. No. 116. An act for the benefit of Benjamin White.

H. R. No. 122. An act for the relief of Jonathan Moore, of the State of Massachusetts.

H. R. No. 123. An act for the relief of Robert Ellis.

H. R. No. 124. An act for the relief of Catharine Fulton, of Washington county, Pennsylvania.

H. R. No. 172. An act for the relief of Elijah H. Willis.

H. R. No. 183. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of William McKenzie, late a seaman on board of the United States ship Vincennes.

H. R. No. 266. An act for the relief of Charles Cappel.

H. R. 350. An act supplemental to "an act to confirm the survey and location of claims for lands in the State of Mississippi, east of

earl river, and south of thirty-first degree of north latitude," ap-
ov- arch 3, 1845.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, ported that the committee did this day present to the President the United States bills of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 337. An act for the relief of James M. Scantland.

H. R. 630. An act to authorize the issuing a register to the rque Mary Teresa.

H. R. No. 178. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasy to license yachts, and for other purposes.

H. R. No. 414. An act to refund a penalty remitted by the Sectary of the Treasury to John Hardorp.

H. R. No. 465. An act for the relief of Catharine Hoffman.

H. R. No. 592. An act to annex that part of the State of Indiia bordering on Lake Michigan to the Chicago collection district.

On motion of Mr. Howell Cobb, the rules were suspended, and e House resumed the consideration of the message from the President of the United States, communicated to the House on the 6th July last, announcing the ratification of the treaty of peace beveen the United States and the republic of Mexico; and, also,

The message from the President of the United States of the 24th July last, in answer to the resolution of the House of the 10th of ly, requesting information in relation to New Mexico and Calirnia.

The questions pending are: *Upon the first message:*

By Mr. Burt: That so much thereof as relates to making provisn for carrying into effect the treaty with Mexico, be referred to e Committee of Ways and Means;

That so much as relates to the army, to the Committee on Miliry Affairs; and

That so much as relates to territorial governments, be referred to e Committee on Territories.

The question pending upon the second message is, (by Mr. Howell obb,) that it be referred to the Committee on Territories.

And, after debate,

Mr. Wentworth moved the previous question, which was seconded; nd the main question was ordered to be put: when

Mr. Stephens moved that the said messages be laid upon the table.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved, at 3 o'clock and thirty minutes, that e House adjourn.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 37 / Nays ..... 88 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Kingsley S. Bingham | Mr. James J. Faran | Mr. George W. Jones |
| Ausburn Birdsall | Winfield S. Featherston | David S. Kaufman |
| James B. Bowlin | Willard P. Hall | Emile La Sère |
| Richard Brodhead | Samson W. Harris | John H. Lumpkin |
| Franklin Clark | George S. Houston | Robert McClelland |
| Howell Cobb | Samuel W. Inge | John A. McClernand |
| John R. J. Daniel | Timothy Jenkins | Job Mann |

Mr. Henry Nes
Henry Nicoll
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Phelps
R. Barnwell Rhett
Augustine H. Shepperd
Mr. Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Robert A. Thompson
Mr. William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Nathaniel Boydon
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Andrew Johnson
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
William Pitt Lynde
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
Mr. William Nelson
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
John I. Slingerland
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the House refused to adjourn.

The question recurred on the motion of Mr. Stephens, that the said messages be laid upon the table.

And, being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 76 / Nays ..... 64

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Nathaniel Boydon
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
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George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Mr. James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin

Mr. Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell

Mr. J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith

Mr. Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Richard French
William L. Goggin
Willard P. Hall
Samson W. Harris

Mr. Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Emile La Sère
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John S. Phelps

Mr. R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the last-named vote be reconsidered.

Mr. Jacob Thompson moved, at 4 o'clock and five minutes, that the House adjourn: which motion was decided in the negative.

The question recurred on the motion to reconsider: when

Mr. Stephens moved that it be laïd upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Hunt moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. George W. Jones moved, at 4 o'clock and seven minutes, that the House adjourn: which motion was decided in the negative.

The question recurred on the motion made by Mr. Hunt, that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And, being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 85 / Nays..... 59

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
James B. Bowlin
Nathaniel Boydon
Chester Butler

Mr. E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke

Mr. William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling

Mr. James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Mr. John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
Mr. John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Augustine H. Shepperd
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
David Wilmot.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Jacob Collamer
John R. J. Daniel
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Mr. Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Emile La Sère
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
John A. McClernand
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Mr. John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cabell reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and without having proceeded to the consideration of any particular bill, had found itself without a quorum, that he had caused the roll of members to be called, and the following are the names of the absentees to be entered upon the Journal:

Amos Abbott, Green Adams, George Ashmun, Thomas H. Baily, Richard L. T. Beale, Henry Bedinger, Hiram Belcher, Thomas S. Bocock, John M. Botts, Franklin W. Bowdon, Linn Boyd, Jasper E. Brady, Samuel A. Bridges, Aylett Buckner, Armistead Burt, Chester Butler, Lucien B. Chase, Asa W. H. Clapp, Franklin Clark, Beverly L. Clark, Jacob Collamer, Robert B. Cranston, John D. Cummins, Rudolphus Dickinson, Richard S. Donnell, Joseph E.

Edsall, John W. Farrelly, George Fries, John P. Gaines, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, Joshua R. Giddings, John H. Harmanson, William T. Haskell, Thomas J. Henley, Henry W. Hubbard, Isaac E. Holmes, Charles J. Ingersoll, Joseph R. Ingersoll, John Jameson, James H. Johnson, Robert W. Johnson, William Kennon, jr., Samuel Lahm, Shepherd Leffler, Lewis C. Levin, William B. Maclay, James McDowell, Robert M. McLane, Jonathan D. Morris, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, Henry Nes, William A. Newell, John S. Pendleton, John Pettit, Samuel O. Peyton, Timothy Pillsbury, James Pollock, Harvey Putnam, R. Barnwell Rhett, William A. Richardson, William Sawyer, Robert C. Schenck, Alexander D. Sims, Ephraim K. Smart, Andrew Stewart, William Strong, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, James Thompson, Richard W. Thompson, Amos Tuck, Samuel F. Vinton, James S. Wiley, Hezekiah Williams, James Wilson.

A quorum having appeared,

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cabell reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, and without having proceeded to the consideration of any particular bill, had found itself without a quorum, and that he had caused the roll of members to be called; and the following are the names of the absentees, to be entered upon the Journal:

Green Adams, George Ashmun, Thomas H. Bayly, Henry Bedinger, Hiram Belcher, John Blanchard, John M. Botts, Linn Boyd, Samuel A. Bridges, Richard Brodhead, Aylett Buckner, Armistead Burt, Richard S. Canby, Lucien B. Chase, Franklin Clark, Beverly L. Clark, Jacob Collamer, John D. Cummins, Rudolphus Dickinson, Joseph E. Edsall, John W. Farrelly, Winfield S. Featherston, Orlando B. Ficklin, Richard French, George Fries, John P. Gaines, John Gayle, Meredith P. Gentry, Joshua R. Giddings, John H. Harmanson, Samson W. Harris, William T. Haskell, Thomas J. Henley, Henry W. Hilliard, Isaac E. Holmes, Samuel W. Inge, Charles J. Ingersoll, Joseph R. Ingersoll, John Jamieson, James H. Johnson, Robert W. Johnson, William Kennon, jr., Samuel Lahm, Shepherd Leffler, Lewis C. Levin, William B. Maclay, James McDowell, Robert M. McLane, George P. Marsh, Dudley Marvin, Richard K. Meade, John K. Miller, Jonathan D. Morris, Isaac E. Morse, Henry C. Murphy, Henry Nes, John S. Pendleton, John Pettit, Samuel O. Peyton, Timothy Pillsbury, James Pollock, R. Barnwell Rhett, William Rockhill, John A. Rockwell, William Sawyer, Robert C. Schenck, Augustine H. Shepperd, Richard F. Simpson, Alexander D. Sims, Ephraim K. Smart, Alexander H. Stephens, Andrew Stewart, William Strong, Bannon G. Thibodeaux, Richard W. Thompson, Robert Toombs, Amos Tuck, James S. Wiley, Hezekiah Williams, David Wilmot, James Wilson.

A quorum having appeared,

The House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole

House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cabell reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill of the House (No. 170) making appropriations for the preservation and repairs of the public works upon certain harbors and rivers, and for the survey of certain harbors, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Morehead offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the said bill (No. 170) shall cease at 12 o'clock, meridian, on Wednesday next, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

The said resolution was read and agreed to, under the previous question, moved by Mr. Morehead.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the vote upon the passage of the resolution be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Cabell moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of enabling him to introduce a resolution, that from and after this day it shall not be in order for any member to move to adjourn until the hour of 8 o'clock, p. m.; and that there shall be a recess from 4 to 6 o'clock, p. m.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Root moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Iverson moved, at five minutes before 6 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn; which motion was decided in the negative.

The motion made by Mr. Root was then agreed to; and the House accordingly again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cabell reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the said bill of the House No. 170, had come to no resolution thereon.

The following petitions were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. St. John: Two petitions of citizens of the State of New York, praying for the purchase of the Mount Vernon estate by the general government: which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

And then, on motion of Mr. Alexander Evans, the House, at 11 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

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Mr. Wentworth moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table: which motion was disagreed to—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb, from the Committee on Public Lands, made an adverse report upon the petitions of John Newton, John Ambrozine, and Wyatt Richards: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb, from the same committee, made an adverse report upon the memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Florida, asking a cession of a quarter section of land for the building of a court-house in the county of Hillsborough; which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of William J. Price, accompanied by a bill (No. 633) for his relief; which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 634) to authorize the State of Alabama to apply certain lands heretofore granted to that State for internal improvements for the use of schools, in the valueless sixteenth sections in said State, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The said bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read a third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Garnett Duncan, from the same committee, to which was referred bills of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 130. An act to authorize the relinquishment of the sixteenth sections in certain cases, and the selection of other lands in lieu thereof;

H. R. No. 143. A bill to pay to the State of Missouri the two per cent. upon the proceeds of the sales of the public lands sold in said State, which has been reserved by the United States for the purpose of constructing a road to said State;

reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bills be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Brodhead,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of the citizens of Oregon county, in the State of Missouri, praying a change of location of a small tract of land; Luke Lea and David Shelton; Nathaniel J. Wyeth; heirs of John Kendrick; Charles Bulfinch and others; Hall J. Kelley; Luke Perry; James Brownlee, and the citi-

zens of Louisiana, praying for a grant of land for the seat of justice in the parish of Bastrop, and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Brodhead, from the same committee, reported a bill (No. 635) to aid the State of Louisiana in reclaiming the swamp lands therein, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Goggin, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 314) entitled "An act to facilitate international exchanges," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be laid upon the table.

Subsequently, Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll moved that the vote on laying the said bill upon the table be reconsidered.

Mr. Chase moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Collamer, from the Committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 195) entitled "An act for the relief of William W. Wynn," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be laid upon the table.

Mr. Charles Brown, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 162) entitled "An act for the relief of George V. Mitchell," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Lincoln, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to which was referred the resolution of the Senate (No. 27) entitled a "Resolution for the relief of such persons as may have incurred the disability of the 28th section of the act to change the organization of the Post Office Department, and to provide more effectually for the settlement of the accounts thereof," approved July 2, 1836, with an amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said resolution, the question being on agreeing to the said amendment.

And, after debate,

Mr. Root moved that the resolution be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Chapman, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be requested to cause a survey and examination to be made of that part of the Potomac river between the Long Bridge and Georgetown, with a view to ascertain the cause of the formation of land on the flats along the banks of the river; and that he cause also an estimate to be made of the cost of repairing the Long Bridge; and also of constructing a bridge across the Potomac at the aqueduct of the canal at Georgetown; and also an estimate of the probable cost of keeping up a steamboat ferry in the place of the Potomac bridge; and that the report be made at as early a period in the next session as practicable.

The said resolution was read;
And, after debate,
A motion was made by Mr. Sawyer, that it be laid upon the table.
And the question being put,
It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 75 / Nays ..... 92

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Lynn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Asa W. H. Clapp
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. Richard French
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Sidney Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Richard K. Meade
Jonathan D. Morris
Mr. Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Sawyer
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
John H. Harmanson
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Mr. Henry Nes
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Joseph A. Woodward.

The question recurred on agreeing to the said resolution.

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, under the previous question moved by Mr. John A. Rockwell.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 230) entitled "An act to promote the despatch of business in the Supreme Court, and to repeal the second section of the act" approved June 17, 1844, entitled "An act concerning the Supreme Court of the United States," reported the same with an amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, the question being on agreeing to the said amendment.

And, after debate,

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered to be put: when

Mr. Bowlin moved that the said bill be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 81 / Nays ..... 85

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Daniel M. Barringer | Mr. James S. Green | Mr. David Outlaw |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Willard P. Hall | Charles H. Peaslee |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | David Hammons | John S. Phelps |
| Ausburn Birdsall | Moses Hampton | Timothy Pillsbury |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | Hugh A. Haralson | James Pollock |
| James B. Bowlin | John H. Harmanson | R. Barnwell Rhett |
| Linn Boyd | Samson W. Harris | William A. Richardson |
| Nathaniel Boydon | Thomas J. Henley | Thomas Richey |
| Richard Brodhead | Hugh L. W. Hill | John L. Robinson |
| William G. Brown | George S. Houston | William Rockhill |
| Charles Brown | Samuel W. Inge | William Sawyer |
| Charles W. Cathcart | Charles J. Ingersoll | Eliakim Sherrill |
| Lucien B. Chase | Alexander Irvin | Robert Smith |
| Franklin Clark | Timothy Jenkins | George A. Starkweather |
| Beverly L. Clark | Andrew Johnson | Charles E. Stuart |
| Howell Cobb | David S. Kaufman | William Strong |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | William Kennon, jr. | James H. Thomas |
| William Collins | William T. Lawrence | Jacob Thompson |
| John H. Crozier | Sidney Lawrence | Benjamin B. Thurston |
| John D. Cummins | Frederick W. Lord | Patrick W. Tompkins |
| John R. J. Daniel | John A. McClernand | Thomas J. Turner |
| Mason C. Darling | Abraham R. McIlvaine | Abraham W. Venable |
| Richard S. Donnell | James J. McKay | Daniel Wallace |
| Joseph E. Edsall | Robert M. McLane | John Wentworth |
| James J. Faran | John K. Miller | William W. Wick |
| Orlando B. Ficklin | Jonathan D. Morris | Hezekiah Williams |
| William L. Goggin | Henry C. Murphy | Joseph A. Woodward. |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Chester Butler | Mr. Garnett Duncan |
| Green Adams | E. Carrington Cabell | George G. Dunn |
| George Ashmun | Richard S. Canby | Thomas O. Edwards |
| Washington Barrow | John G. Chapman | Elisha Embree |
| Henry Bedinger | Jacob Collamer | Alexander Evans |
| Thomas S. Bocock | Harmon S. Conger | Nathan Evans |
| John M. Botts | John W. Crisfield | David Fisher |
| Jasper E. Brady | James Dixon | Thomas S. Flournoy |
| Armistead Burt | Daniel Duncan | John Freedley |

Mr. Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
James McDowell
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Mr. Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
John Strohm
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

So the bill was not laid upon the table; and the question recurred on agreeing to the said amendment reported from the Committee on the Judiciary; which was read as follows:

"Strike out all after the enacting clause of the bill, and insert the following:

"That, for and during the term of one year from the 1st of December next, it shall not be the duty of the justices of the Supreme Court to attend any circuit court, and the business of the Supreme Court shall receive the undivided attention of the justices of the Supreme Court, with power to adjourn from time to time, and to hold their sittings at such times and with such intervals as the pressure of business may permit and require: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to take away the right of any justice of the Supreme Court, in his discretion, to attend any terms of the proper circuit court which may have been designated for him, whenever, in his opinion, the public interest may require it, and his attendance at the Supreme Court may, without injury or inconvenience, be dispensed with."

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 76 / Nays ..... 84 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Mr. Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
John W. Crisfield
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Mr. Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson

Mr. Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
James McDowell
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Mr. William Nelson
Henry Nes
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Mr. Robert C. Schenck
Peter H. Sylvester
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Mr. William L. Goggin
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
Mr. David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Joseph M. Root
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the amendment was not agreed to.
The question recurred, Shall the bill be read a third time?
And being put,
It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 63 / Nays ..... 98 }
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Asa W. H. Clapp
Jacob Collamer
Mr. Harmon S. Conger
John W. Crisfield
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
John Gayle
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Mr. John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alfred Iverson
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
James McDowell
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead

Mr. William Nelson
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
Julius Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
Mr. David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
William Strong
Mr. John L. Taylor
Jacob Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
William Collins
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Charles J. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
George P. Marsh
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Mr. William A. Newell
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Robert L. Rose
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams.

So the said bill was rejected.

Mr. Sawyer moved that the last vote be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

One hour having been devoted to the calling of the committees for reports,

Mr. Wentworth moved that the House proceed to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table: which motion was decided in the negative.

Mr. Chapman, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill (No. 636) supplemental to an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown Steampacket Company:" which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 128) entitled "An act to carry into effect certain provisions in the treaties between the

United States and China and the Ottoman Porte, giving certain judicial powers to ministers and consuls of the United States in those countries," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The bill was thereupon read a third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 136) entitled "An act for giving effect to certain treaty stipulations between this and foreign governments for the apprehension and delivering up of certain offenders," reported the same back with an amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, when the said amendment was read and agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed, and the bill ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The amendment being engrossed, the bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the resolution from the Senate (No. 24) entitled "A resolution in reference to the next census," reported the same back with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and that the amendment be printed.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the same committee, to which was referred the resolution from the Senate (No. 34) entitled "A resolution concerning the distribution of the Statutes at Large," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be read a third time to-day.

The resolution was thereupon read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Nathan K. Hall, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 320) entitled "An act to change the time of holding the circuit and district courts in the State of Kentucky," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The bill was thereupon read a third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Meade,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw the papers in the case of J. C. F. Edwards.

Mr. Collamer moved that the House proceed to the consideration of business on the Speaker's table: which motion was disagreed to.

On motion of Mr. Nathan K. Hall,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Wyatt Eppes; and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Daniel P. King, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 637. A bill for the relief of the heirs of John Jackson;

No. 638. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Willis Riddick;

No. 639. A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Colonel John H. Stone, an officer in the revolutionary war;

accompanied by reports in writing in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Butler, from the same committee, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 640. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Captain Samuel Ransom, an officer of the revolutionary war, killed at the battle of Wyoming;

No. 641. A bill for the relief of Moses Van Campen;

accompanied by reports in writing in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

Mr. Butler, from the same committee, made adverse reports upon the petitions of the executors of Captain Henry Pawling, heirs of William Cherry, and the heirs of Lieutenant Micah Whitmarsh: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bowlin, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill (No. 642) for the relief of the inhabitants of the village of Carondelet, in the State of Missouri, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barringer, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a bill (No. 643) for the relief of the Creek nation of Indians, accompanied by a report in writing: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Barringer,

*Ordered*; That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Reuben E. Gentry and others, Lawrence Taliaferro, late Indian agent at St. Peter's, John Phagan, Joseph Chaffee, William B. Hart, assignee of Alexander Anderson and others, the chief of the different tribes of New York Indians, and the resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Florida relative to the Indians in south Florida; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Jacob Thompson, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 291) entitled "An act to compensate R. M. Johnson for the erection of certain buildings for the use of the Choctaw academy," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Botts, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 256) entitled "An act for the

relief of the legal representatives of Thomas J. V. Owens, deceased," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Botts, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 158) entitled "An act for ascertaining and paying the California claims," reported the same back with an amendment, accompanied by a report in writing.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the bill and report be printed.

Mr. Thomas Butler King, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made an adverse report upon the petition of C. H. Todd: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Schenck, from the same committee, reported the following resolution; which was read:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House be directed to purchase out of the contingent fund, from Mechlin & Winder, the publishers of the general navy register and compilation of all laws relating to the navy of the United States, three hundred copies of that work, at a price not exceeding three dollars per copy; and that the same be deposited in the Congressional Library, subject to the further order of this House.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said resolution.

And, after debate,

Mr. Schenck moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question was ordered and stated: when,

On motion of Mr. Stuart, of Michigan,

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be laid upon the table.

Mr. Burt, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 269) to revive the act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses and other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved January eighteenth, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and the acts approved October fourteenth, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and August twenty-third, eighteen hundred and forty-two, and the last proviso to the act of March third, eighteen hundred and forty-three, amendatory of the same, reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That said bill be laid upon the table.

Mr. Burt moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to move that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the bill from the Senate (No. 190) relative to the payment of the 4th regiment of Vermont militia: which motion was disagreed to—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Marsh, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to which was referred the petition of the representatives of John M. Baker, reported a bill (No. 644) for their relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fries, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made adverse reports upon the petitions of Robert and Henry Blow, Silas Chatfield, James M. French, John Harrigan, and John Forrest: which were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Venable,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Samuel J. Smith, of New York, William Wallace, Sally S. Crocker, and Charles Wilson; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Fulton, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the bill (No. 628) to authorize the payment of invalid pensions in certain cases, reported the same back without amendment.

Mr. Fulton, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Horatio Fitch, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 645) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the said bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Sidney Lawrence,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of John Rose, Adam Harper, and Mary Seger, widow of Peter Seger; and that they be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Fulton, the Committee of the Whole House was discharged from the consideration of the bill of the Senate (No. 135) for the relief of David N. Smith, and the bill was ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. William T. Lawrence,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of James Charles, John H. Goolsby, and nineteen others, and of Benjamin P. Smith; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. William T. Lawrence, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of William Lynch, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 646) for his relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. William T. Lawrence,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the consideration of the bill (No. 553) for the relief of Catharine Clark.

Thereupon,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; when the same was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-day.

The same being engrossed, was accordingly read a third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Nes,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Invalid Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Robert Rose, Jesse Rose, Aaron H. Hoyt, Joseph M. Rhea, Joshua Russell, Benjamin Watson, William Murray, and Mrs. C. H. Johnston; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Venable moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to move that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the consideration of the bill (H. R. No. 558) for the relief of Joseph D. Ward: which motion was disagreed to—two thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Kaufman moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Duer, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 251) for the relief of the personal representatives of William H. Slacum, deceased, reported back the same with amendments, when the said bill was committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Schenck,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be discharged from the petitions of John Plumbe, W. Allen, and two hundred and twenty-five citizens of Cleveland; Hartwell Carver, Charles B. Collins, Warren Chase, and sixty-one other citizens of Wisconsin; citizens of Huron county, Ohio; citizens of Summit county, Ohio; resolutions of the Legislatures of Tennessee and Pennsylvania; and the proceedings of a meeting at Iowa city, on the subject of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Schenck, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to which was referred the bill (No. 581) to surrender to the State of Indiana the Cumberland road in said State, reported back the same without amendment, when it was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time: thereupon, the said bill, being engrossed, was accordingly read the third time, and passed under the previous question moved by Mr. John A. Rockwell.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Gayle, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the resolution from the Senate (No. 32) entitled "A resolution authorizing the submission of certain claims to arbitration," reported back the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said resolution be read a third time to-day.

The resolution was thereupon read a third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Schenck,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be discharged from the consideration of a joint resolution of the Legislature of

Indiana, and a resolution of the House of the 17th of January, 1848, in relation to the national road; and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Robert Smith, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, to which was referred a memorial of the Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, reported a bill (No. 647) making an appropriation for surveying and opening a road from the falls of St. Croix to Lapointe, on Lake Superior: which was read a first and second time, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cummins, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Rebecca Freeman, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill (No. 648) for her relief: which was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the said bill and report ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Cummins,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Abigail Williams, Isaiah Williams, Lettis Pond, Squire Ferris, Abigail Hamilton, Nancy Byrd, and Robert Allison; and that they be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Donnell,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Nathaniel Baily, Catharine Wilson, Solsberry Wheeler, heirs of James Taylor, Elizabeth Simpson, Ann Spencer, John T. Parrish, administrator, Lemuel P. Montgomery, William Ledford, Mrs. Sally Ketchum, Josiah Hobbs, Lucretia and Mercy Demmon, Henry Bardan, Henry Haines, and Esther Fish, widow of John Ladd; and of the joint resolution of the Legislature of New York relative to the passage of a law providing for the widows of officers and soldiers who fall in battle or die of wounds received in the service; and that said petitions and joint resolutions be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Morris Fosdick and Robert Graham, and that they be laid upon the table.

Mr. Henley, from the Committee on Patents, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 101) entitled "An act for the relief of Oliver C. Harris," reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The bill was thereupon read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Henley, from the same committee, made a report upon the petition of Ross Winans, accompanied by a bill (No. 649) for his relief: which bill was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bill and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Palfrey, from the joint Committee on the Library, reported

a joint resolution (No. 39) to authorize the purchase of Catlin's "collection," accompanied by a report in writing: which resolution was read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and the resolution and report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Preston, from the joint Committee on the Library, to which was referred the resolution of this House of March 13, 1848, relative to the Smithsonian Institution, reported the following resolutions; which were read, considered, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to change and modify the act establishing the Smithsonian Institution in the manner proposed in said resolution.

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of said resolution, and that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Murphy, from the same committee, reported a joint resolution (No. 40) in relation to the printing of the documents, &c., of Congress, and to the Library of Congress: which resolution was read a first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day; and

The resolution was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

Mr. John L. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled joint resolution (No. 37) concerning certain portions of the marine and ordnance corps, and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said joint resolution.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary; which was delivered in at the Speaker's table.

Also, a message notifying that he did yesterday approve and sign bills and joint resolutions of the following titles, viz:

No. 630. An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the barque Mary Teresa.

No. 178. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to license yachts, and for other purposes.

No. 414. An act to refund a penalty remitted by the Secretary of the Treasury to John Hardorp.

No. 465. An act for the relief of Catharine Hoffman.

No. 592. An act to annex that part of the State of Indiana bordering on Lake Michigan to the Chicago collection district.

No. 352. An act to change the place of holding the district court of the United States for the middle district of Alabama, and for other purposes.

No. 482. An act to annex the town of Essex, in the State of Massachusetts, to the collection district of Gloucester.

No. 29. A joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish the clerks of the several district and circuit courts of the United States with copies of Little & Brown's edition of the Laws of the United States.

No. 38. A joint resolution of thanks to the officers, sailors, and marines of the United States navy.

No. 398. An act for the relief of those pre-emption claimants upon the Miami lands in Indiana who, by their services in the Mexican war, are entitled to bounty lands.

No. 478. An act for the relief of certain Tennessee volunteers.

Mr. Ashmun, from the joint select committee upon the subject of reporting the proceedings and debates of Congress, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That in order to secure a more full, impartial, and prompt publication of the proceedings and debates of this House, the Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a contract, to take effect from "*this day*," and to continue until otherwise ordered by this House, with the proprietors of the two daily papers in this city—the National Intelligencer and Union—for the daily publication in each paper of the proceedings and debates of the House, and for the early subsequent publication of such speeches as members may choose to revise and write out at full length, for which the Clerk shall make weekly payment, out of the contingent fund, at the rate of seven dollars and a half for a column of brevier type: *Provided*, That the proceedings and current debate shall be transferred to the country edition of each of said papers, and one copy of each of said daily papers shall be furnished to each member during the sessions of Congress without additional charge.

The said resolution was read;

And, after debate,

Mr. Howell Cobb moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the words "*from this day*," and insert in lieu thereof the words "*with the commencement of the next session of Congress;*" and by striking out the following words, commencing after the word "*House*," where it occurs in the second line in the resolution, "*and for the early subsequent publication of such speeches as members may choose to revise and write out at full length, for which the Clerk shall make weekly payment, out of the contingent fund, at the rate of seven and a half dollars for a column of brevier type;*"

And, after further debate,

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered to be put: when

Mr. James Thompson moved that the resolution be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 83 / Nays ..... 84

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. Albert G. Brown | Mr. John R. J. Daniel |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Charles W. Cathcart | Mason C. Darling |
| Henry Bedinger | Lucien B. Chase | Elisha Embree |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | Asa W. H. Clapp | James J. Faran |
| Thomas S. Bocock | Franklin Clark | Winfield S. Featherston |
| James B. Bowlin | Beverly L. Clark | Orlando B. Ficklin |
| Linn Boyd | Howell Cobb | John Freedley |
| Nathaniel Boydon | William M. Cocke | Richard French |
| Charles Brown | Jacob Collamer | George Fries |

Mr. William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
George W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
James McDowell
Mr. James J. McKay
George P. Marsh
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
Gideon Reynolds
R. Barnwell Rhett
William Rockhill
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Eliakim Sherrill
Mr. Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Mr. Thomas O. Edwards
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Henry W. Hilliard
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
David S. Kaufman
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Charles S. Morehead
Mr. William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Robert C. Schenck
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
William W. Wick.

So the resolution was not laid upon the table; and

The amendment proposed by Mr. Cobb was then agreed to; and

The question was stated on agreeing to the resolution as thus amended: when

Mr. Ficklin moved that it be laid upon the table; which motion was disagreed to.

And the question was then put on agreeing to the said resolution as amended;

And decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 80 / Nays..... 85 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Mr. Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Ausburn Birdsall
Mr. John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead

Mr. Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Robert B. Cranston
John W. Crisfield
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Dudley S. Gregory

Mr. Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
William T. Haskell
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
David S. Kaufman
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
Lewis C. Levin
Thomas W. Ligon
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
Henry Nes

Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Robert C. Schenck
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Garnett Duncan
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
John Freedley
Richard French
George Fries

Mr. William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
James G. Hampton
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee

Mr. George Petrie
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
Gideon Reynolds
R. Barnwell Rhett
William Rockhill
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the resolution was not agreed to.

Mr. Root moved that the resolution be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill (No. 331) entitled "An act granting to the State of Alabama the right of way and a donation of public lands for making a railroad from Mobile to the mouth of the Ohio river, and for other purposes."

They have passsed the bill of the House (No. 290) entitled "An

act to change the times for holding the district courts of the United States in the western district of Virginia, and for other purposes," with an amendment; in which bill and amendment I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

They have agreed to the amendment of the House to the resolution of the Senate (No. 37) granting to the Jackson monument committee certain brass guns and mortars captured by General Andrew Jackson, and for other purposes.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Truman Smith, from the Committee on Rules, reported the following resolution as an amendment to the 34th rule of the House, viz:

*Resolved*, That so much of the 34th rule as provides that "where debate is closed by order of the House, any member shall be allowed, in committee, five minutes to explain any amendment he may offer," be suspended for the residue of the present session."

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Truman Smith moved the previous question.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that the said amendment be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 72 / Nays ..... 98

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Asa W. H. Clapp
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries

Mr. James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann

Mr. John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry Nicoll
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Phelps
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon

Mr. Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman

Mr. Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. John W. Crisfield | Mr. William Henry | Mr. Julius Rockwell |
| John Crowell | Henry W. Hilliard | John A. Rockwell |
| John H. Crozier | Elias B. Holmes | J. Dixon Roman |
| John Dickey | Samuel D. Hubbard | Robert L. Rose |
| James Dixon | Charles Hudson | David Rumsey, jr. |
| Richard S. Donnell | Washington Hunt | Daniel B. St. John |
| Daniel Duncan | Joseph R. Ingersoll | Robert C. Schenck |
| George G. Dunn | John W. Jones | Eliakim Sherrill |
| George N. Eckert | Orlando Kellogg | Peter H. Sylvester |
| Thomas O. Edwards | T. Butler King | Richard F. Simpson |
| Elisha Embree | Daniel P. King | John I. Slingerland |
| Alexander Evans | William T. Lawrence | Caleb B. Smith |
| Nathan Evans | Lewis C. Levin | Robert Smith |
| John W. Farrelly | Abraham Lincoln | Truman Smith |
| David Fisher | Frederick W. Lord | John Strohm |
| Thomas S. Flournoy | William Pitt Lynde | Frederick A. Tallmadge |
| John Freedley | Abraham R. McIlvaine | John L. Taylor |
| Andrew S. Fulton | George P. Marsh | James Thompson |
| John Gayle | Joseph Mullin | Richard W. Thompson |
| William L. Goggin | William Nelson | Patrick W. Tompkins |
| Daniel Gott | Henry Nes | Robert Toombs |
| Dudley S. Gregory | David Outlaw | Amos Tuck |
| Joseph Grinnell | John G. Palfrey | Samuel F. Vinton |
| Artemas Hale | George Petrie | Cornelius Warren |
| Nathan K. Hall | James Pollock | Hugh White |
| James G. Hampton | William B. Preston | David Wilmot. |
| Moses Hampton | Gideon Reynolds | |

So the resolution was not laid upon the table.

The previous question moved by Mr. Smith was then seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and the said amendment to the rules was agreed to.

Mr. Truman Smith moved that the vote on agreeing to the said amendment be reconsidered, and that it be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Fries,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw the papers in the case of Sarah White.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

No. 203. An act in relation to the terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States in and for the district of New Jersey.

No. 217. An act for the relief of Gustavus Dorr: in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

They have passed bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

No. 106. An act for the relief of the Red River Railroad Company.

No. 152. An act for dividing the State of Georgia into two judicial districts, and organizing and establishing an additional district court of the United States, with circuit court powers and jurisdiction.

No. 207. An act for the relief of Samuel Cony, severally without amendment.

The Senate have been notified by the President of the United States that he did, on the 7th instant, approve and sign a joint resolution (No. 33) authorizing the proper accounting officers of the treasury to make a just and fair settlement of the claims of the

Cherokee nation of Indians, according to the principles established by the treaty of August, 1846; also,

No. 337. An act for the relief of James M. Scantland.

And then the Secretary withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Richard W. Thompson, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cabell reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill of the House (No. 170) making appropriations for the preservation and repairs of the public works upon certain harbors and rivers, and for the survey of certain harbors, had come to no resolution thereon.

And then, on motion of Mr. Alexander Evans, the House, at twenty-six minutes before 12 o'clock at night, adjourned until tomorrow, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

## WEDNESDAY, August 9, 1848.

Mr. John L. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did yesterday present to the President of the United States an enrolled resolution of the House (No. 37) concerning certain portions of the marine and ordnance corps.

Mr. McClelland, by leave, offered the following resolution, which was read and agreed to, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be requested to transmit to this House a copy of the proceedings of a court of inquiry convened at the city of Puebla, in Mexico, in July, 1847, at the instance of Colonel Bennet Riley, of the infantry, of which Major General Pillow was president.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the rule be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That private bills from the Senate shall be the special order for Friday next, and those bills to which there shall be no objection shall be first considered.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 86 / Nays..... 55

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. William M. Cocke | Mr. David Fisher |
| Green Adams | Harmon S. Conger | John Freedley |
| George Ashmun | Robert B. Cranston | Andrew S. Fulton |
| Daniel M. Barringer | John Crowell | William L. Goggin |
| Washington Barrow | John D. Cummins | Daniel Gott |
| John Blanchard | Mason C. Darling | Dudley S. Gregory |
| Jasper E. Brady | James Dixon | Joseph Grinnell |
| Charles Brown | George G. Dunn | Artemas Hale |
| E. Carrington Cabell | George N. Eckert | Nathan K. Hall |
| Richard S. Canby | Thomas O. Edwards | James G. Hampton |
| Charles W. Cathcart | Elisha Embree | Moses Hampton |
| John G. Chapman | Nathan Evans | William Henry |
| Thomas L. Clingman | John W. Farrelly | Henry W. Hilliard |

Mr. Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
Mr. William Nelson
Henry Nes
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Mr. Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
James B. Bowlin
Nathaniel Boydon
William G. Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Richard S. Donnell
Joseph E. Edsall
Alexander Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. George Fries
James S. Green
David Hammons
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Samuel W. Inge
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
James J. McKay
Mr. Robert M. McLane
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
Joseph M. Root
Peter H. Sylvester
Truman Smith
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Albert G. Brown (the rules being suspended for the purpose) offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives be instructed to pay Master James Moor, out of the contingent fund of the House, the same compensation that has been paid to other pages, he having acted as page during the present session of Congress.

The said resolution was read and agreed to, under the previous question moved by Mr. Brown.

Mr. Isaac E. Holmes moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce a resolution providing that there be paid, out of the contingent fund, to each of the laborers employed in the Capitol grounds the same extra compensation which is paid to the laborers employed in the Capitol.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Alexander Evans moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of introducing the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the sergeant-at-arms, doorkeeper, postmaster, and chaplain of this House be paid the usual extra compensation, out of the contingent fund of the House.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?
It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas ..... 93 / Nays ..... 52 }
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
William G. Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Mr. George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
John W. Houston
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
Mr. John Pettit
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John L. Robinson
Julius Rockwell
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Richard S. Donnell
Nathan Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Joseph Grinnell
David Hammons
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John A. McClernand
Mr. James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Charles H. Peaslee
William B. Preston
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Daniel Wallace
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Howell Cobb, under the rule of the House, gave notice of a motion for leave to introduce a bill to prevent either House of Congress from disposing of any portion of the contingent fund, except by joint resolution of the two Houses.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Machin, their chief clerk:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 107. An act for the relief of George Center.

No. 343. An act to provide for carrying into effect the fifth article of the treaty between the United States and the Mexican republic, for establishing the boundary line between them: in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 634) entitled "An act to authorize the State of Alabama to apply certain lands heretofore granted to that State for internal improvements for the use of schools in the valueless sixteenth sections in said State," without amendment.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cabell reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill of the House (No. 170) making appropriation for the preservation and repairs of the public works upon certain harbors and rivers, and for the survey of certain harbors, had directed him to report the same to the House, with sundry amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill, the question being on the said amendments: when

Mr. Hunt moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and all of the said amendments were severally read and agreed to.

The question recurred on ordering the bill to be engrossed and read a third time.

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the vote on ordering the said bill to be engrossed, be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

Objection being made to the third reading of the bill at this time, the same not being engrossed,

Mr. Pollock moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of reading the said bill a third time *now*.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 112 / Nays..... 59

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Richard S. Canby | Mr. John Dickey |
| Green Adams | Charles W. Cathcart | Rudolphus Dickinson |
| George Ashmun | John G. Chapman | James Dixon |
| Daniel M. Barringer | Thomas L. Clingman | Richard S. Donnell |
| Washington Barrow | William M. Cocke | William Duer |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | Jacob Collamer | Daniel Duncan |
| John M. Botts | William Collins | Garnett Duncan |
| Nathaniel Boydon | Harmon S. Conger | George G. Dunn |
| Jasper E. Brady | John H. Crozier | George N. Eckert |
| Aylett Buckner | Mason C. Darling | Joseph E. Edsall |

Mr. Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Mr. William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Mr. Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Thomas S. Bocock
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
William G. Brown
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. Richard French
James S. Green
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Mr. Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles H. Peaslee
John Pettit
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table: which motion was disagreed to, two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, it was

*Ordered*, That the House take a recess this day, from half-past three until half-past five o'clock, p. m.

On motion of Mr. Grinnell, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate (No. 294) entitled "An act making appropriations for light-houses, light-boats, buoys, &c., and providing for the erection and establishment of the same."

And at three and a half o'clock, p. m., the House took a recess until five and a half o'clock.

HALF-PAST FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The committee resumed its session; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Caleb B. Smith reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill from the Senate (No. 294) making appropriations for light-houses, light-boats, buoys, &c., and providing for the erection and establishment of the same, had come to no resolution thereon.

Mr. Grinnell offered the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the bill from the Senate (No. 294) shall cease within five minutes after the same shall be again taken up in the committee (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending, or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House, with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Howell Cobb moved to amend the same, by striking out the words "five minutes," and inserting, in lieu thereof, "one hour."

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

It was decided in the negative; and

The resolution was then agreed to by the House, under the previous question moved by Mr. Grinnell.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills and resolutions of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 106. An act for the relief of the Red River Railroad Company;

H. R. No. 152. An act for dividing the State of Georgia into two judicial districts, and organizing and establishing an additional district court of the United States, with circuit court powers and jurisdiction;

H. R. No. 207. An act for the relief of Samuel Cony;

H. R. No. 634. An act to authorize the State of Alabama to apply certain lands heretofore granted to that State for internal improvements for the use of schools in the valueless sixteenth sections in said State;

S. No. 34. A resolution concerning the distribution of the Statutes at Large;

S. No. 37. A resolution granting to the Jackson Monument committee certain brass guns and mortars captured by General Andrew Jackson, and for other purposes;

S. No. 128. An act to carry into effect certain provisions in the treaties between the United States and China and the Ottoman Porte, giving certain judicial powers to ministers and consuls of the United States in those countries;

S. No. 135. An act for the relief of David N. Smith;

S. No. 320. An act to change the time of holding the circuit and district courts in the State of Kentucky;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolutions.

Mr. Vinton, by leave, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which were referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and for other purposes, reported the agreement of the committee to some of the said amendments, their disagreement to some, and their agreement to some with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said bill and amendments be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. 462. An act for the relief of John Farnham;

H. R. No. 39. An act for the relief of Albone Allen;

H. R. No. 120. An act for the relief of Joseph Perry, a Choctaw Indian, or his assignees;

H. R. No. 192. An act for the relief of the heirs and widow of François Gramillion;

severally without amendment.

They have passed bills of the following titles, viz:

S. 207. An act to authorize the sale of reserved lands, and for other purposes;

S. 71. An act to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain towards the completion of the "Clinton and Kalamazoo canal," in the State of Michigan:

in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate have disagreed to the amendment of the House to the bill from the Senate (No. 136) entitled "An act for giving effect to certain treaty stipulations between this and foreign governments for the apprehension and delivering up of certain offenders."

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Caleb B. Smith reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the bill from the Senate (No. 294) making appropriations for light-houses, light-boats, buoys, &c., and providing for the erection and establishment of the same, had directed him to report the same with amendments. That the committee had also had under consideration the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 298) entitled "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and for other purposes."

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill from

the Senate, (No. 294,) the question being on agreeing to the said amendments, which was stated: when

Mr. Grinnell moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and all the said amendments were read and agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said amendments being engrossed, the bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Wentworth moved that the vote on the passage of the bill be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; which was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendments.

Mr. Vinton offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union on the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and for other purposes, shall cease in fifteen minutes after its consideration shall again be resumed in committee, (if the committee shall not sooner come to a conclusion upon the same;) and the committee shall then proceed to vote on such amendments as may be pending, or offered to the same, and shall then report it to the House, with such amendments as may have been agreed to by the committee.

The said resolution was read and agreed to, under the previous question moved by Mr. Vinton.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Caleb B. Smith reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the amendments of the Senate to the said bill of the House, (No. 298,) had come to no resolution thereon.

And then, on motion of Mr. Boyd, the House, at half past 10 o'clock at night, adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

## THURSDAY, August 10, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Smart, by leave, the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union was discharged from the consideration of the bill from the Senate (No. 36) entitled "An act to change the time of holding the terms of the circuit court of the United States in the district of Maine;" and

The bill was ordered to be read a third time to-day.

And thereupon the bill was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate thewith.

Mr. Crozier moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the resolution of the 1st of March, 1846, authorizing each member of this House to subscribe for twelve copies of

the Congressional Globe and appendix, at the rate of six dollars for each copy for the long session, and three dollars for the short session, shall not be construed to extend to a longer period than the present session of Congress.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof. { Yeas..... 69 / Nays..... 55

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Thomas L. Clingman
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran

Mr. David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
James G. Hampton
William Henry
George S. Houston
Washington Hunt
Alfred Iverson
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
James J. McKay
Job Mann
John K. Miller

Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
William B. Preston
Thomas Richey
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Eliakim Sherrill
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
John Van Dyke
Daniel Wallace
Cornelius Warren
William W. Wick.

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Nathaniel Boydon
Charles Brown
E. Carrington Cabell
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Winfield S. Featherston
George Fries
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Timothy Jenkins

Mr. Robert W. Johnson
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
George P. Marsh
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
William Rockhill
Joseph M. Root
Daniel B. St. John

Mr. William Sawyer
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
David A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Cathcart, (the rules being suspended for the purpose,) introduced the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That, in the execution of the resolution of the House of the 7th instant, giving extra compensation to certain employés of this House, there shall be paid to those persons employed in folding for this House, in the folding-room, the same amount as the pages are entitled to receive under said resolution, and no more;

and to those who are occasionally so employed an allowance upon the same basis, in proportion to the time they have been engaged; and that the same compensation be allowed to the chaplain and postmaster of this House as have been usually allowed to the same class of officers by the Senate and House respectively at the close of a session.

The said resolution having been read and modified by the mover, (by inserting therein the Postmaster, Sergeant-at-arms, and Door-keeper,)

Mr. Cathcart moved the previous question.

Mr. George S. Houston moved that the resolution be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 63 / Nays..... 98

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Richard L. T. Beale
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Albert G. Brown
Chester Butler
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Mr. Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
James J. McKay
Mr. Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Ephraim K. Smart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Washington Barrow
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Mr. Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Mr. Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell

Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
John Pettit
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William Rockhill
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Mr. Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Mr. John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Daniel Wallace
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the House refused to lay the resolution upon the table.

The previous question, moved by Mr. Cathcart, was then seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 103 / Nays ..... 61

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Mr. John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
John Pettit
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
William Rockhill
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Mr. Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Nathaniel Boydon
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Mr. Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel

Mr. James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Timothy Jenkins
Mr. Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Jonathan D. Morris
Mr. Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
John A. Rockwell
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Daniel Wallace
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Cathcart moved that the vote agreeing to the said resolution be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

Mr. Howell Cobb asked for leave to introduce a bill, in pursuance of previous notice, to prevent the contingent fund from being expended without a joint resolution: which being objected to,

Mr. Cobb moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce his said bill.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof. { Yeas..... 99 / Nays..... 73

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
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John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Mr. Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Mr. Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
George N. Eckert
Alexander Evans
John Freedley
John Gayle
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Mr. Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Henry W. Hilliard
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
John Pettit
James Pollock
Mr. Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose.
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
Joseph A. Woodward.

The Speaker, by leave, stated that he had received by last evening's mail a communication from N. P. Trist, relating to certain official acts of the President of the United States, accompanied by a request that it should be laid before the House, and that he was ready to comply with that request whenever it was the pleasure of the House to receive it.

And the question was put, Shall the said communication be laid before the House?

And decided in the affirmative.

The said communication was accordingly laid before the House, and read.

Mr. Truman Smith moved that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and printed.

Mr. Smith moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put: when

A division of the question being demanded, the same was divided accordingly.

And the main question was put, first, on referring the said communication to the Committee on Foreign Affairs:

And decided in the affirmative.

The question was then put, Shall the said communication be printed?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 83
Nays ..... 95

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Mr. John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
Mr. E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke

Mr. Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall

Mr. James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
John G. Palfrey

Mr. John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Thomas O. Edwards
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall

Mr. David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy

Mr. Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Clark moved that the vote refusing to print the said communication be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put, Shall the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table?

It was decided in the negative.

The question recurred on the motion to reconsider:

And, being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 88 / Nays ..... 93

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Mr. David Fisher
John Freedley
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
Mr. William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
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Richard Brodhead
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James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. Richard French
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
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Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Mr. Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson

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| Mr. Jacob Thompson | Mr. Robert Toombs | Mr. John Wentworth |
| Robert A. Thompson | Thomas J. Turner | William W. Wick |
| William Thompson | Abraham W. Venable | Hezekiah Williams |
| Benjamin B. Thurston | Daniel Wallace | Joseph A. Woodward. |

So the House refused to reconsider the said vote.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th of the amendments of the House to the bill of the Senate (No. 294) entitled "An act making appropriations for light-houses, light-boats, buoys, &c., and providing for the erection and establishment of the same; and have disagreed to the 8th of the said amendments.

They have passed the bill of this House (No. 618) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine," with amendments.

They have passed bills of this House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 380. An act for the relief of Francis M. Holton;

H. R. No. 581. An act to surrender to the State of Indiana the Cumberland road in said State;

severally without amendment.

The Senate have concurred in the report of the managers at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on the amendments of the House to the bill of the Senate (No. 246) entitled "An act renewing certain naval pensions for the term of five years, and extending the benefits of existing laws respecting naval pensions to engineers, firemen, and coal heavers in the navy, and to their widows."

And then he withdrew.

Subsequently, the House proceeded to the consideration of the said report from the conference (as communicated from the Senate) upon the amendments to the said bill from the Senate, (No. 246:) when

Mr. White, from the conference on the part of the House, made the following report:

The committee of conference on the part of the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill of the Senate (No. 246) entitled "An act renewing certain naval pensions for the term of five years, and extending the benefits of existing laws respecting naval pensions to engineers, firemen, and coal heavers in the navy, and to their widows," report:

That they have met the conferees on the part of the Senate, and, after free and full conference on the subject of the disagreeing votes, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective Houses as follows, viz:

1. That the Senate agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives, striking out all of the first section after the enacting clause, and agree to the substitute proposed by the House, modified to read as follows:

That all those widows and such child or children as are now re-

ceiving a pension under any of the laws of Congress passed prior to the first of August, eighteen hundred and forty-one, (excepting the law passed the third of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven,) and those widows and children who have received pensions at any time within five years prior to the passage of this act, may and shall continue to receive the same amount as they have received under any special act from the time such special act expired; provided such act ceased on or after the first day of September, eighteen hundred and forty-five, or may hereafter terminate; and all such pensions as are now in force, and such as are renewed by this act, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, so long as the said widows shall live as widows; and in case of the death before or after the passage of this act, of the widows, to the orphan child or children of the deceased parties until they respectively arrive at the age of sixteen years; and to the child or children of said widows, in case of marriage by said widows, until said child or children shall respectively arrive at the age of sixteen years; and that the act approved 30th April, 1844, shall not be so construed as to exclude officers, seamen, or marines from their pensions when disabled for sea service; provided, that the whole amount received by the pensioner, including pay for his service and pension, shall not exceed his lowest duty pay.

That the orphan child or children of the deceased parties shall have a pension in case the widow has died after drawing a five years' pension; to commence at the time when the widow dies, and to continue until the child or children shall respectively arrive at the age of sixteen years; and that any casualty by which an officer, seaman, or marine has lost or may lose his life while in the line of his duty, shall be considered sufficient to entitle the widow, child, or children, to all the benefits of this act.

And the committee recommend to the respective Houses to amend the third section of the bill to conform to the preceding modification of the first section, by striking out all after the enacting clause of the said third section to the word "fourteen," inclusive, in the 21st line thereof; and that the title of the bill be amended to read as follows:

An act renewing certain naval pensions, and extending the benefits of existing laws respecting naval pensions to engineers, firemen, and coal heavers in the navy, and to their widows.

HUGH WHITE,
J. D. CUMMINS,
E. C. CABELL,
*Conferees on the part of the House.*

GEO. E. BADGER,
J. D. BRIGHT,
D. L. YULEE,
*Conferees on the part of the Senate.*

The question was then put, Will the House agree to the said report, (as communicated from the Senate,)

And decided in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Morehead,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw the papers in the cases of Nicholas White and John Watkins.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, it was

*Ordered*, That the House take a recess this day from three and a half to five and a half o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and resumed the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 298) entitled "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Caleb B. Smith reported the agreement of the committee to some of the said amendments, their disagreement to some, and their agreement to some with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments, and the question was stated on agreeing thereto: when

Mr. Ashmun moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and sundry of the said amendments were read and agreed to; when the hour of three and a half o'clock, p. m., arrived, and the House took a recess.

FIVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session: when

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report on the condition of banks throughout the Union, in compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 10th of July, 1832: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Two several messages from the President of the United States, heretofore received, were read, and are as follows:

FIRST MESSAGE.

A message from the President of the United States, heretofore received, was read, and is as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I communicate herewith a report from the Secretary of War, together with the accompanying documents, in compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 17th of July, 1848, requesting the President to communicate to the House of Representatives "a copy of the proceedings of the court of inquiry in Mexico, touching the matter which led to the dismissal from the public service of Lieutenants Joseph S. Pendeé and George E. B.

Singletary, of the North Carolina regiment of volunteers, and all the correspondence between the War Department and Generals Taylor and Wool in relation to the same."

JAMES K. POLK.

Washington, *August* 5, 1848.

*Ordered*, That the said message and accompanying papers be laid upon the table, and printed.

SECOND MESSAGE.

A further message from the President of the United States, heretofore received, was read, and is as follows:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives*
*of the United States:*

It affords me satisfaction to communicate, herewith, for the information of Congress, copies of a decree adopted by the National Assembly of France, in response to the resolution of the Congress of the United States, passed on the 13th of April last, "tendering the congratulations of the American to the French people, upon the success of their recent efforts to consolidate the principles of liberty in a republican form of government."

JAMES K. POLK.

Washington, *August* 8, 1848.

*Ordered*, That the said message and accompanying document be laid upon the table, and printed.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, to wit:

I. Joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin, relative to the improvement of the harbors upon the western shore of Lake Michigan: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

II. A communication from the Clerk of the House, in relation to the execution of the resolution of the House of the 28th of June last, providing for the payment of per diem and mileage alleged to be due to the estate of the late Archibald Yell, formerly a member of the House of Representatives of the United States from the State of Arkansas: which was read, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

III. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in compliance with the resolution of the 28th of June, 1848, a statement of the public debt: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

IV. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in compliance with the resolution of the House of the 15th of May, a report in relation to exports and imports of the United States: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

V. A memorial of the Legislative Assembly of Oregon Territory, relative to their wants and situation, and the necessity of extending the laws of the United States over that territory: which was re-

ferred to the Committee on the Territories, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined bills and resolution of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 39. An act for the relief of Alborne Allen;

H. R. No. 120. An act for the relief of Joseph Perry, a Choctaw Indian, or his assigns;

H. R. No. 192. An act for the relief of the heirs and widow of François Gramillion;

H. R. No. 462. An act for the relief of John Farnham;

H. R. No. 380. An act for the relief of Francis M. Holton;

H. R. No. 581. An act to surrender to the State of Indiana the Cumberland road in said State;

S. No. 246. An act renewing certain naval pensions, and extending the benefits of existing laws respecting naval pensions to engineers, firemen, and coal heavers in the navy, and to their widows;

S. No. 36. An act to change the time of holding the terms of the circuit court of the United States in the district of Maine;

S. No. 101. An act for the relief of Oliver C. Harris;

S. No. 32. A resolution authorizing the submission of certain claims to arbitration;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Mr. Bocock, by general consent, offered the following resolution: which was read and agreed to.

*Resolved*, That leave be given to withdraw from the files of this House the papers filed in the cases of the applications of the heirs of James Taylor, and of the heirs of Doctor Samuel Gay, for commutation pay.

Mr. Putnam, from the Committee on Public Lands, by general consent, reported bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 650. A bill for the relief of William Kingsbury.

No. 651. A bill for the relief of Elisha Hampton and others, of the State of Iowa,

accompanied by reports, in writing, in each case: which bills were severally read a first and second time, committed to a Committee of the Whole House, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and the bills and reports ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Putnam,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the resolutions of the Legislature of Michigan, relative to a donation of land for the erection of asylums in said State for the insane, blind, and deaf and dumb, and that it be laid upon the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the said amendments to the bill (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending June 30, 1849, and for other purposes: when

The following amendment of the Senate was read:

"For payment of expenses of frigate Macedonian while employed, under a resolution of Congress, in carrying provisions to Ireland, such sum (not exceeding $16,000) as the accounting officers of the treasury charged with settling the accounts of the navy, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, may find to have been actually paid by the commander, making no allowance for his pay, (which he declines to receive,) and deducting from the whole amount paid by him the earnings of the ship."

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 98 / Nays ..... 67

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans

Mr. Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
T. Butler King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane

Mr. Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark

Mr. Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Daniel Duncan
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Dudley S. Gregory

Mr. Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King

Mr. Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
David Outlaw
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Mr. Robert Smith
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Daniel Wallace
Hezekiah Williams.

The following amendment of the Senate was read:

"57. On page 23, after line 18, insert: For the purchase of one or both of the bridges on the Eastern branch, near the city of Washington, at a valuation to be made in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury may direct, a sum not exceeding $30,000: which bridge or bridges, when purchased, shall be free of toll to all persons whomsoever, under such regulations as are now in force, or as the same may be legally modified or added to in relation to the Potomac bridge opposite said city."

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 82 / Nays ..... 95 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Nathaniel Boydon
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
James Dixon
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
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William L. Goggin
Mr. Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Mr. Henry Nes
William A. Newell
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Robert C. Schenck
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Mr. Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Mr. Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt

Mr. Chester Butler
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
John Freedley
Richard French
George Fries
John Gayle
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall

Mr. David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Sidney Lawrence
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Phelps

Mr. Timothy Pillsbury
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams.

So the amendment was disagreed to.

Mr. Brodhead moved that the last vote be reconsidered, and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

The following amendment of the Senate was read:

"No. 75. On page 30½ of engrossed bill, strike out lines 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the engrossed bill, which are as follows: 'For the removal of obstructions in the Savannah river, and the naval anchorage near Fort Pulaski, under the direction of the Secretary of War, fifty thousand dollars.' "

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendments of the Senate, (striking out the said lines?)

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 95 / Nays ..... 92 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb

Mr. Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Garnett Duncan
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris

Mr. Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand

Mr. James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Mr. Timothy Pillsbury
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Mr. James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

Mr. Chase moved that the last vote be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to:

The following amendment of the Senate was read:

"No. 80. After line 16, on page 33 of engrossed bill, insert: 'For repayment to Virginia of money paid by that State, under judgments of her courts against her, to revolutionary officers and soldiers and their representatives, for half pay and commutation of half pay, a sum not exceeding $81,273 17: *Provided, however*, That the agent of said State shall first deposite authenticated copies of the acts or judgments under which the money was paid by the State of Virginia.' "

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 103
Nays..... 76

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Lynn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Mr. James S. Green
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William T. Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
Mr. Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
Thomas Richey
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
William Sawyer
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
James B. Bowlin
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Lucien B. Chase
Howell Cobb
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Mr. Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
John Freedley
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
William Henry
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
Mr. George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Amos Tuck
Daniel Wallace
Hugh White.

Mr. Goggin moved that the last vote be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

The following amendment of the Senate was read:

"No. 82. Page 33, after line 16, insert: 'For the payment to David Taylor of the sum of $12,800 allowed him by the Second Auditor and Second Comptroller, in the month of July, 1846, and also the interest thereon until paid, at the rate of six per cent. per annum from the 2d day of July, 1836, agreeably to the allowance at the same time of the said Auditor.' "

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 63 / Nays ..... 109

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall
Winfield S. Featherston
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
David S. Kaufman
T. Butler King
William T. Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert M. McLane
Henry C. Murphy
Mr. Henry Nes
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
Thomas Richey
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
James H. Thomas
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
Hugh White
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
James B. Bowlin
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John Dickey
James Dixon
Mr. Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
John Freedley
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Mr. Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Timothy Jenkins
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson

Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Mr. Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Mr. William Strong
John L. Taylor
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
Hezekiah Williams.

The following amendment of the Senate was read:

"No. 85. Page 36, and line 16, strike out '*sixty-five*,' and insert *one hundred and fifteen*, so that the said provision shall read as follows: 'For surveying the public lands, including incidental expenses to be apportioned to the several districts, according to the exigencies of the public service; the part to be applied to the survey of the mineral regions of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa, and to the location of private claims in Florida, to be disbursed at augmented rates, *one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars*.' "

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 91 / Nays ..... 84

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Charles Brown
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
John Freedley
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Mr. James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
Mr. Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Richard F. Simpson
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Mr. Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Mr. Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner

Mr. Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
William Duer
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Mr. Moses Hampton
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Andrew Johnson
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Mr. John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

So the said amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Turner moved that the vote on agreeing to the last-named amendment be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

The following amendment of the Senate was read:

"No. 89. Page 37, after line 14, insert: 'For continuing and completing the surveys and explorations to be made by J. C. Frémont, in Oregon and California, with a view to develope the geography of those countries, and to discover the practicable lines of communication, by railroads or otherwise, between the valley of the Mississippi and the Pacific ocean; the results of said further explorations to be published under the direction, and subject to the disposition of Congress, as a national work, without copyright, $30,000.'"

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 28 / Nays..... 128

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
James B. Bowlin
Mason C. Darling
Joseph E. Edsall
William L. Goggin
Isaac E. Holmes
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Robert W. Johnson
Mr. William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
Henry Nes
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Robert Smith
Mr. Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Cornelius Warren.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Mr. Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Mr. John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts

Mr. Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French

Mr. Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann

Mr. Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Thomas Richey
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
Hugh White
William W. Wick
Joseph A. Woodward.

The following amendment of the Senate was read:

"No. 92. Page 38, insert: 'For paying John Hogan twelve hundred and fifty dollars for services and expenditures as political agent in St. Domingo, and in full satisfaction of all his claims for extra expenses and services in the years 1842 and 1843.' "

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 78 / Nays ..... 71 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier

Mr. Mason C. Darling
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle

Mr. William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
John H. Harmanson
William Henry
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard

Mr. Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Timothy Jenkins
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
James McDowell
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Mr. Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
George Petrie
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Daniel B. St. John
Mr. Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Lynn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Harmon S. Conger
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
George N. Eckert
David Fisher
Richard French
James S. Green
Mr. Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Phelps
Mr. William B. Preston
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Eliakim Sherrill
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the said amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Jenkins moved that the last vote be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

The following and last of the amendments of the Senate was read:

"No. 93. Page 38, after line 19, insert: 'For paying Joshua Dodge, late special tobacco agent of the United States to the various governments of Europe, $4,500, in full compensation for his services, and for contingent and other expenses incurred by him during the period of his three missions as said special tobacco agent, and for services rendered to the tobacco interest of the United States.' "

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 96 / Nays ..... 71

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
Mr. Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon

Mr. Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
James Dixon
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry

Mr. Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
William B. Maclay
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie

Mr. Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Charles W. Cathcart
Beverly L. Clark
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Harmon S. Conger
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French

Mr. John Gayle
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris

Mr. David Outlaw
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Phelps
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Brodhead moved that the vote agreeing to the 94th amendment of the Senate, providing that compensation be made to William M. Blackford as chargé d'affaires to the republic of New Grenada, be reconsidered.

Mr. Pollock moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

And so it was

*Resolved*, That the House do agree to the amendments of the Senate to the said bill numbered 4, 10, 11, 32, 33, 34, 40, 45, 46, 47,

49, 54, 55, 58, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65, 66, 72, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 85, 86, 87, 88, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97;

That they agree to the amendments of the Senate to the said bill numbered 62, 77, 83, 90, 98, and 99, with amendments;

And that they disagree to the amendments of the Senate to said bill numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 56, 57, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 81, 82, 84, 89.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk inform the Senate of these proceedings, and request their concurrence in the said amendments of the House to sundry of the Senate's amendments.

Mr. Farrelly, by leave, from the Committee on Patents, to which was referred the petition of Thomas G. Clinton, an assistant examiner in the Patent office, preferring charges against Edmund Burke, Commissioner of Patents, and the memorial of Edmund Burke, asking for a thorough investigation of the charges preferred, made a report thereon, accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which resolution was agreed to, and the report ordered to be printed.

Mr. Atkinson moved, at five minutes before 9 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn: which was disagreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, the House proceeded to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table: which was agreed to.

And thereupon,

The House proceeded to *reconsider* its eighth amendment, disagreed to by the Senate to the bill of the Senate (No. 294) entitled "An act making appropriations for light-houses, light-boats, buoys, &c., and providing for the erection and establishment of the same: when,

On motion of Mr. Grinnell, it was

*Resolved*, That the House do *recede* from its said eighth amendment to the said bill disagreed to by the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 290) entitled "An act to change the times for holding the district courts of the United States in the western district of Virginia, and for other purposes:" when

The said amendment was read and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The following petitions, memorials, and other papers, were laid on the Clerk's table, under the 24th rule of the House, to wit:

By Mr. McLean: The memorial of R. E. De Russey, of the engineer corps of the army, praying for the passage of a law authorizing the settlement of his accounts with the government: which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. S. Lawrence: The petition of Joseph Dana, praying for a pension on account of services rendered in the war of the revolution: which was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

By Mr. Strohm: The memorial of John L. McCoy, on behalf of the "old settler party of Cherokees," praying relief in regard to the construction placed on the treaty of New Echota: which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Slingerland: The memorial of citizens of Albany, in the State of New York, praying Congress to provide for the purchase of Mount Vernon: which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, the memorial of the industrial congress, praying for the passage of laws to prevent traffic in the public lands: which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The bill from the Senate (No. 331) entitled "An act granting to the State of Alabama the right of way and a donation of public lands for making a railroad from Mobile to the mouth of the Ohio river, and for other purposes, was read a first and second time.

Mr. George S. Houston moved that the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And, after debate,

Mr. T. Butler King moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the said bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 65 / Nays ..... 92

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. John Freedley | Mr. Dudley Marvin |
| Richard L. T. Beale | Richard French | Richard K Meade |
| Thomas S. Bocock | George Fries | John K. Miller |
| Richard Brodhead | Nathan K. Hall | Joseph Mullin |
| Armistead Burt | David Hammons | Henry Nes |
| Lucien B. Chase | Hugh A. Haralson | David Outlaw |
| Franklin Clark | Samson W. Harris | Charles H. Peaslee |
| Beverly L. Clark | Hugh L. W. Hill | Lucius B. Peck |
| Howell Cobb | George S. Houston | Timothy Pillsbury |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | Timothy Jenkins | Eliakim Sherrill |
| Jacob Collamer | Andrew Johnson | Ephraim K. Smart |
| William Collins | George W. Jones | Frederick P. Stanton |
| Robert B. Cranston | David S. Kaufman | Charles E. Stuart |
| John D. Cummins | William Kennon, jr. | James H. Thomas |
| John R. J. Daniel | Emile La Sère | James Thompson |
| John Dickey | Sidney Lawrence | Jacob Thompson |
| Daniel Duncan | Thomas W. Ligon | Robert A. Thompson |
| Joseph E. Edsall | John H. Lumpkin | Samuel F. Vinton |
| Thomas O. Edwards | Abraham R. McIlvaine | William W. Wick |
| Alexander Evans | James J. McKay | Hezekiah Williams |
| Nathan Evans | Robert M. McLane | Joseph A. Woodward. |
| David Fisher | Job Mann | |

Those who voted in the negative are,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. E. Carrington Cabell | Mr. James Dixon |
| Green Adams | Richard S. Canby | William Duer |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | Charles W. Cathcart | George G. Dunn |
| Ausburn Birdsall | John G. Chapman | George N. Eckert |
| John Blanchard | William M. Cocke | Elisha Embree |
| James B. Bowlin | Harmon S. Conger | James J. Faran |
| Jasper E. Brady | John H. Crozier | Winfield S. Featherston |
| Chester Butler | Rudolphus Dickinson | Orlando B. Ficklin |

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy | Mr. Abraham Lincoln | Mr. Robert L. Rose |
| John Gayle | Frederick W. Lord | Daniel B. St. John |
| William L. Goggin | William Pitt Lynde | William Sawyer |
| Daniel Gott | Robert McClelland | John I. Slingerland |
| James S. Green | John A. McClernand | Caleb B. Smith |
| Dudley S. Gregory | Horace Mann | Robert Smith |
| Joseph Grinnell | George P. Marsh | Truman Smith |
| Artemas Hale | Charles S Morehead | Andrew Stewart |
| Willard P. Hall | Jonathan D. Morris | John Strohm |
| James G. Hampton | William Nelson | Frederick A. Tallmadge |
| Moses Hampton | William A. Newell | John L. Taylor |
| William Henry | John G. Palfrey | Richard W. Thompson |
| Henry W. Hilliard | John S. Pendleton | William Thompson |
| John W Houston | John S. Phelps | Benjamin B. Thurston |
| Samuel D. Hubbard | James Pollock | Patrick W. Tompkins |
| Charles Hudson | William B. Preston | Robert Toombs |
| Washington Hunt | Harvey Putnam | Thomas J. Turner |
| Joseph R. Ingersoll | William A. Richardson | John Van Dyke |
| Alexander Irvin | Thomas Richey | Daniel Wallace |
| Orlando Kellogg | William Rockhill | Cornelius Warren |
| T. Butler King | John A. Rockwell | John Wentworth |
| William T. Lawrence | J. Dixon Roman | Hugh White. |

So the bill was not committed.

Mr. Hammons moved that it be laid upon the table: which motion was decided in the negative.

The bill was then ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The bill was accordingly read the third time.

Mr. Dixon moved the previous question.

Mr. Vinton moved that the bill be laid upon the table.

Mr. Brodhead moved, at 10 o'clock and five minutes, that the House adjourn: which motion was agreed to.

And the House adjourned.

## FRIDAY, August 11, 1848.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill of the House (No. 201) to establish the territorial government of Oregon, with amendments.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the vote by which the House yesterday agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 290) to change the time of holding the district courts of the United States in the western district of Virginia, and for other purposes, be reconsidered.

After debate,

Mr. Meade moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 66 / Nays ..... 86 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. George Ashmun | Mr. Franklin W. Bowdon | Mr. Armistead Burt |
| Archibald Atkinson | Nathaniel Boydon | E. Carrington Cabel |
| Henry Bedinger | Richard Brodhead | Richard S. Canby |

Mr. John G. Chapman
William M. Cocke
James Dixon
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
James G. Hampton
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
John W. Houston
Mr. Charles Hudson
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Daniel P. King
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
Timothy Pillsbury
Mr. William B. Preston
John A. Rockwell
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F Simpson
Frederick P. Stanton
John L. Taylor
James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Daniel Wallace
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Jasper E. Brady
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Chester Butler
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Daniel Duncan
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Mr. David Fisher
George Fries
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Sidney Lawrence
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Mr Joseph Mullin
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
John B. Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Hugh White
Hezekiah Williams.

So the said motion was not laid upon the table.

The question recurred on agreeing to the motion to reconsider.

And being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, under the previous question moved by Mr. John A. Rockwell.

The question recurred on agreeing to the amendment of the Senate to the said bill.

And being put,

It was decided in the negative, under the previous question moved by Mr. George W. Jones.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the vote by which the House

yesterday ordered the bill from the Senate (No. 331) entitled "An act granting to the State of Alabama the right of way and a donation of public lands for making a railroad from Mobile to the mouth of the Ohio river, and for other purposes," be reconsidered.

And, after debate,

The question was put, Shall the said vote be reconsidered?

And decided in the affirmative, under the previous question moved by Mr. Gayle.

The question recurred on ordering the bill to a third reading: when

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved to amend the same, by adding thereto the following, as an additional section:

"*And be it further enacted*, That the grants specified in this act shall be construed and taken on this limitation, to wit: That no land shall be taken but one-half of six sections wide on each side of said road, so far as now owned by the United States; and no land elsewhere shall be considered as hereby granted, nor shall any such be claimed or taken; and also, further, that none of said land be sold by said State, but as follows, to wit: so much as is selected for ten miles of road may be taken and disposed of; and when said corresponding ten miles of road is finished, then the sections for another ten miles, and so, from time to time; nor shall any title pass to any of said land to any one unless by sales so made, and in no other manner: *Provided, however*, That the lands hereby granted shall not be sold at less than a dollar and a quarter per acre."

And, after debate,

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered to be put: when

Mr. Dickey moved that the said bill be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 102 / Nays ..... 80

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Lynn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Mr. Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
David Fisher
John Freedley
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Mr. Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles Hudson
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay

Mr. Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nes
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Timothy Pillsbury

Mr. R. Barnwell Rhett
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
George A. Starkweather
William Strong

Mr. James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
James B. Bowlin
Jasper E. Brady
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
William Duer
Joseph E. Edsall
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Gayle
Daniel Gott

Mr. James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
James G. Hampton
William T. Haskell
Henry W. Hilliard
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
John Jamieson
Robert W. Johnson
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
George P. Marsh
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
William A. Newell
John S. Pendleton
John S. Phelps

Mr. James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
William A. Richardson
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Andrew Stewart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick.

Mr. Hammons moved that the last vote be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to their amendments to the bill (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and for other purposes. They insist upon their amendments disagreed to by the House, and ask a *conference* upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on said amendments; and have appointed Mr. Atherton, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Mangum, managers of the conference on the part of the Senate.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said message: when

Mr. Vinton moved that the House *insist* upon its amendments to the amendments of the Senate to the said bill, (No. 298,) disagreed to by the Senate, and on its disagreements to sundry of the Senate's amendments, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon the said amendments.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Vinton, Mr. McKay, and Mr. Hudson be the managers at said conference on the part of the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate with these proceedings.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, the House proceeded to the consideration of business upon the Speaker's table: when

On motion of Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, it was

*Resolved*, That the House do insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Senate to the bill from the Senate (No. 136) entitled "An act for giving effect to certain treaty stipulations between this and foreign governments for the apprehension and delivering up of certain offenders; and ask a conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon the said amendment, and that Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, Mr. Lumpkin, and Mr. Taylor be the managers at said conference on part of the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from Alexandre Vattemare, tendering to the members of the House of Representatives his grateful acknowledgments for the very liberal manner in which he has been welcomed by them as the humble exponent and advocate of the system of international exchanges: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments from the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 201) entitled "An act to establish the territorial government of Oregon."

The said amendments were read, and the question was stated on agreeing thereto: when

Mr. Caleb B. Smith moved the previous question.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that there be a call of the House: which was agreed to.

And the roll of members having been called, and the absentees again called, 197 members answered to their names.

On motion of Mr. Hilliard, further proceedings in the call were dispensed with.

And the previous question was then seconded, and the main question was ordered and stated on agreeing to the first of the said amendments: when

Mr. Richardson, at his request, was excused from voting.

The first amendment was then read as follows:

On page 4, line 14, of engrossed bill, insert:

"And it shall be the duty of said governor, immediately after each session of the legislature, to transmit to each house of Congress copies of any acts from which he may have withholden his approval, and the reasons therefor."

And the question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 91 / Nays ..... 107 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. George Ashmun | Mr. Henry Bedinger | Mr. John M. Botts |
| Archibald Atkinson | Ausburn Birdsall | Franklin W. Bowdon |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Thomas S. Bocock | James B. Bowlin |

Mr. Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
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Richard French
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James S. Green
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Mr. Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles Hudson
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nicoll
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
Mr. George Petrie
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Richard L. T. Beale
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Mr. John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
Robert McClelland
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Mr. David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John L. Robinson
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

The following amendment of the Senate was read:

Insert the following after the enacting clause of the 14th section:

"That the line of thirty-six degrees and thirty minutes of north latitude, known as the Missouri Compromise line, as defined by the eighth section of an act entitled 'An act to authorize the people of the Missouri Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, and to prohibit slavery in certain territories,'" approved March sixth, eighteen hundred and twenty, be, and the same is hereby, declared to extend to the Pacific ocean; and the said eighth section, together with the compromise therein effected, is hereby revived and declared to be in full force, and binding for the future organization of the territories of the United States, in the same sense, and with the same understanding with which it was originally adopted."

The question being put, Will the House agree thereto?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 82 / Nays ..... 121

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
John H. Crozier
Mr. John R. J. Daniel
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
Alexander Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
William L. Goggin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William T. Haskell
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Mr. T. Butler King
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
David Outlaw
John S. Pendleton
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
William B. Preston
R. Barnwell Rhett
J. Dixon Roman
Augustine H. Shepperd
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Franklin Clark
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Mr. Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
Mr. George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
John Freedley
George Fries

Mr. Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine

Mr. Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
James Pollock
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer

Mr. Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot.

Mr. Caleb B. Smith moved that the vote on disagreeing to the last mentioned amendment be reconsidered, and this motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which motion was agreed to.

Mr. John W. Houston gave notice, under the rule, of a motion for leave to introduce a joint resolution for the relief of Charles C. Claskey.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he did yesterday approve and sign a joint resolution (No. 37) concerning certain portions of the marine and ordnance corps;

Also, a message, in writing, which was read, as follows:

*To the House of Representatives of the United States:*

I communicate, herewith, reports from the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of War, together with the accompanying documents, in answer to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 17th of July, 1848, requesting the President to inform that body what amount of public moneys had been respectively paid to Lewis Cass and Zachary Taylor from the time of their first entrance into the public services up to this time, distinguishing between regular and extra compensation; that he also state what amount of extra compensation has been claimed by either; the items composing the same; when filed; when and by whom allowed; if disallowed, when and by whom; the reasons for such disallowance; and whether or not any items so disallowed were subsequently presented for payment; and if allowed, when and by whom?

JAMES K. POLK.

Washington, *August* 11, 1848.

And thereupon, it was

*Ordered*, That the said message be laid upon the table, and printed.

Subsequently, Mr. Stephens moved that the vote ordering the said message to be laid upon the table and printed, be reconsidered.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

The question recurred on the motion that the said message be laid upon the table, and printed.

And, being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 87 / Nays ..... 97

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
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Winfield S. Featherston
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Mr. Richard French
George Fries
James S. Green
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Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
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Andrew Johnson
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George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane

Mr. Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
Thomas Richey
John D. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
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Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier

Mr. John Dickey
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Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
John Gayle
William L. Goggin

Mr. Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
John H. Harmanson
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. William T. Lawrence | Mr. William B. Preston | Mr. Truman Smith |
| Abraham Lincoln | Harvey Putnam | Alexander H. Stephens |
| Abraham R. McIlvaine | Gideon Reynolds | Andrew Stewart |
| Horace Mann | John A. Rockwell | John Strohm |
| Dudley Marvin | J. Dixon Roman | Frederick A. Talimadge |
| Charles S. Morehead | Robert L. Rose | John L. Taylor |
| Joseph Mullin | Joseph M. Root | Richard W. Thompson |
| William Nelson | David Rumsey, jr. | Patrick W. Tompkins |
| Henry Nes | Daniel B. St. John | Robert Toombs |
| William A. Newell | Augustine H. Shepperd | Amos Tuck |
| David Outlaw | Eliakim Sherrill | John Van Dyke |
| John G. Palfrey | Peter H. Sylvester | Samuel F. Vinton |
| John S. Pendleton | John I. Slingerland | Cornelius Warren |
| James Pollock | Caleb B. Smith | Hugh White. |

Mr. Stephens moved that the said message be referred to the Committee on the Expenditures of the Department of War: which was agreed to, under the previous question moved by Mr. Stephens.

The bill of the House (No. 170) entitled "An act making appropriations for the preservation and repairs of the public works upon certain harbors and rivers, and for the survey of certain harbors, (which was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Wednesday last,) was accordingly read the third time, and the question was stated on its passage: when

Mr. Hunt moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 118 / Nays ..... 62

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Alexander Evans | Mr. Abraham R. McIlvaine |
| George Ashmun | Nathan Evans | George P. Marsh |
| Kingsley S. Bingham | James J. Faran | Dudley Marvin |
| Ausburn Birdsall | John W. Farrelly | Charles S. Morehead |
| John Blanchard | David Fisher | Jonathan D. Morris |
| John M. Botts | John Freedley | Joseph Mullin |
| Nathaniel Boydon | William L. Goggin | William Nelson |
| Jasper E. Brady | Daniel Gott | Henry Nes |
| Aylett Buckner | Dudley S. Gregory | William A. Newell |
| Richard S. Canby | Joseph Grinnell | Henry Nicoll |
| Charles W. Cathcart | Artemas Hale | David Outlaw |
| John G. Chapman | Nathan K. Hall | John G. Palfrey |
| Thomas L. Clingman | James G. Hampton | Lucius B. Peck |
| William M. Cocke | Moses Hampton | John S. Pendleton |
| Jacob Collamer | William T. Haskell | George Petrie |
| William Collins | Thomas J. Henley | James Pollock |
| Harmon S. Conger | William Henry | William B. Preston |
| Robert B. Cranston | Elias B. Holmes | Harvey Putnam |
| John Crowell | Samuel D. Hubbard | Gideon Reynolds |
| John H. Crozier | Charles Hudson | John A. Rockwell |
| Mason C. Darling | Washington Hunt | J. Dixon Roman |
| John Dickey | Charles J. Ingersoll | Robert L. Rose |
| Rudolphus Dickinson | Joseph R. Ingersoll | Joseph M. Root |
| James Dixon | Alexander Irvin | David Rumsey, jr. |
| Richard S. Donnell | Timothy Jenkins | Daniel B. St. John |
| William Duer | Orlando Kellogg | Robert C. Schenck |
| Daniel Duncan | T. Butler King | Augustine H. Shepperd |
| Garnett Duncan | Daniel P. King | Eliakim Sherrill |
| George G. Dunn | William T. Lawrence | Peter H. Sylvester |
| George N. Eckert | Sidney Lawrence | John I. Slingerland |
| Joseph E. Edsall | Abraham Lincoln | Caleb B. Smith |
| Thomas O. Edwards | William Pitt Lynde | Robert Smith |
| Elisha Embree | Robert McClelland | Truman Smith |

Mr. Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Mr. John L. Taylor
James Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Amos Tuck
Mr. Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Thomas S. Bocock
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Mr. George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
George S. Houston
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Mr. Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Phelps
John L. Robinson
William Sawyer
Ephraim K. Smart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Hunt moved that the vote on the passage of the bill be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

The Speaker entertaining doubts as to whether this bill (it being an original bill of this House) could be sent to the Senate this day without a suspension of the joint rule which provides that no bill originating in either House should be sent to the other on the three last days of the session, asked the direction of the House.

Whereupon, it was

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (S. No. 294) entitled "An act making appropriations for light-houses, light-boats, buoys, &c., and providing for the erection and establishment of the same," and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Vinton,

*Ordered*, That the House take a recess this day from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, p. m.

Mr. Fulton moved that the rules be suspended to enable him to offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That for the remainder of the present session, no member shall debate any proposition before the House or in Committee of the Whole longer than ten minutes.

The said resolution was read; and the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 88 / Nays ..... 70

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
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James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Mr. John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
John W. Jones
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
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George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Mr. John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepherd
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
John I. Slingerland
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
George A. Starkweather
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
William Thompson
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Lucien B. Chase
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John Crowell
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
Joseph E. Edsall
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Mr. George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
William T. Haskell
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Mr. Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Phelps
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
Thomas J. Turner
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Vinton, by leave, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which were referred the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 618) entitled "An act making appropriations for

the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849," reported the agreement of the committee to some, and their disagreement to some of the said amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said bill and amendments be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments of the Senate to the said bill, (No. 618;) and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Chapman reported that the committee had come to no resolution upon the said amendments.

Mr. Vinton offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all debate on the Senate's amendments to the army appropriation bill, (No. 618,) shall cease in five minutes after the consideration thereof shall be again resumed in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The said resolution was read and agreed to; and,

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and again proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments: when the hour of 3½ o'clock arrived, and the House took a recess.

HALF-PAST FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The committee resumed; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Chapman reported that the committee having, according to order, had the state of the Union generally under consideration, particularly the said amendments of the Senate to the said bill (No. 618) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, had directed him to report the agreement of the committee to some of the said amendments, and their disagreement to some.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments of the Senate to the said bill, (No. 618:) when

Mr. Vinton moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and all of the said amendments were disposed of without a division, except the eleventh, which was read, as follows:

"For payment of the expenses of the late military operations in California, under the orders of Commodore Stockton, and of brevet, afterwards Lieutenant Colonel Frémont, and also to defray the expenses of the civil government established in California by Commodore Stockton, *so far as ascertained*, and the amount evidenced by any written instrument, signed by Commodore Stockton or Lieutenant Colonel Frémont, while in command in California, or by muster rolls, in proper discharges, the sum of $200,000; and the men and non-commissioned officers of the battalion shall be paid as mounted riflemen, and in full of all claim for lost horses, for any cause whatever, and in full of all claims for forage as well as for pay, clothing, and use and risk of horses, shall be paid as follows: 1st sergeant, thirty-five dollars and twenty-five cents per month; other sergeants and corporals, thirty-two dollars and twenty-five

cents per month; musicians, twenty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents per month; privates, twenty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents per month."

And the question being put, Will the House agree to the said amendment?

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 45 / Nays ..... 110

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
James B. Bowlin
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Mason C. Darling
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
John H. Harmanson
Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Charles S. Morehead
John S. Phelps
Thomas Richey
Mr. John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Daniel M. Barringer
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Howell Cobb
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
John Gayle
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Timothy Jenkins
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
William Kennon, jr.
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
George P. Marsh
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Mr. William Nelson
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Truman Smith
David A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

And so it was

*Resolved*, That the House agree to the said amendments of the Senate to the said bill (No. 618) numbered 10, 13, 14; and that the House disagree to the said amendments numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 15.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, the House proceeded to the consideration of bills upon the Speaker's table: when

Bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 203. An act in relation to the terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States in and for the district of New Jersey;

No. 217. An act for the relief of Gustavus Dorr;

were severally read a first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

And thereupon,

The said bills were severally read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 107. An act for the relief of George Center;

No. 207. An act to authorize the sale of reserved lands, and for other purposes;

were severally read a first and second time, and referred—

No. 107. To the Committee of Claims.

No. 207. To the Committee on Public Lands.

The bill from the Senate (No. 343) entitled "An act to provide for carrying into effect the fifth article of the treaty between the United States and the Mexican republic for establishing the boundary line between them," was read a first and second time: when

Mr. Stephens moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 79 / Nays ..... 73

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
William M. Cocke
Jacob Collamer
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer

Mr. Daniel Duncan
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
William L. Goggin
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard

Mr. Washington Hunt
Alexander Irvin
Timothy Jenkins
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
James Pollock
William B. Preston

Mr. Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Eliakim Sherrill
Mr. Peter H. Sylvester
Caleb B. Smith
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Mr. John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Amos Tuck
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Charles W. Cathcart
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Mr. George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
Isaac E. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
William B. Maclay
Robert McClelland
James McDowell
Mr. Job Mann
Jonathan D. Morris
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
Hezekiah Williams.

The bill from the Senate (No. 71) entitled "An act to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain towards the completion of the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal, in the State of Michigan," was read a first and second time: when

Mr. Bingham moved the previous question.

Mr. Featherston moved that the said bill be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 75 / Nays..... 81

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
John M. Botts
Lynn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Mr. Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Mr. David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
James McDowell

Mr. Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Joseph Mullin
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Mr. Lucius B. Peck
Gideon Reynolds
R. Barnwell Rhett
John L. Robinson
David Rumsey, jr.
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Ephraim K. Smart
Mr. George A. Starkweather
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Green Adams
George Ashmun
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
James B. Bowlin
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
James Dixon
William Duer
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
John Gayle
Daniel Gott
Mr. James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
Isaac E. Holmes
John W. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
William A. Newell
John S. Pendleton
Mr. George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Daniel B. St. John
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick.

Mr. Thompson, of Indiana, asked permission to have his vote changed on the said motion to lie—he having voted through mistake; to which objection was made, and the change could not be made.

Mr. Collamer moved to amend the said bill, by adding thereto the following as an additional section:

SEC. —. *And be it further enacted*, That the grant specified in this act shall be construed and taken on this limitation, to wit: That no land shall be taken but one-half of six sections wide on each side of said canal, so far as now owned by the United States; and no land elsewhere shall be considered as hereby granted, nor shall any such be claimed or taken; and also, further, that none of said land shall be sold by said State but as follows, to wit: So much as is selected for ten miles of canal may be taken and disposed of, and when said corresponding ten miles of canal are finished, then the sections for another ten miles, and so from time to time; nor shall any title pass to any of said land to any one unless by sales so made, and in no other manner: '*Provided, however*, That the lands hereby granted shall not be sold at less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre.'

The said amendment was read: when

Mr. Collamer moved the previous question, which was seconded;

and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House agree to the said amendment offered by Mr. Collamer.

And decided in the affirmative.

And the said amendment was ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-day.

The said amendment being engrossed, the bill was accordingly read the third time; and the question was stated, Shall it pass? when

Mr. Bingham moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Shall the bill pass?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 76 / Nays..... 75

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
E. Carrington Cabell
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Jacob Collamer
Mason C. Darling
James Dixon
William Duer
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
John Gayle
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
James G. Hampton

Mr. Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
James Pollock

Mr. William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
William A. Richardson
William Rockhill
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Henry Bedinger
John M. Botts
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey

Mr. Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Alexander Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin

Mr. Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W Johnson
George W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Joseph Mullin
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Gideon Reynolds
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
Joseph M. Root

Mr. David Rumsey, jr.
Eliakim Sherrill
Ephraim K. Smart
George A. Starkweather
Mr. James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Mr. Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Hilliard moved that the vote on the passage be reconsidered.

Mr. Bingham moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 70 / Nays ..... 81

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. George Ashmun
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
Charles W. Cathcart
Jacob Collamer
Robert B. Cranston
Mason C. Darling
James Dixon
William Duer
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Mr. Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
Thomas J. Henley
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Henry Nicoll
James Pollock
Mr. William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Daniel B. St. John
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Harmon S. Conger
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
Mr. George G. Dunn
Joseph E. Edsall
Winfield S. Featherston
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Mr. William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
Joseph Mullin
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
Gideon Reynolds
R. Barnwell Rhett
John L. Robinson
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Peter H. Sylvester
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Joseph A. Woodward.

So the motion to reconsider was not laid on the table.

The question recurred on the motion to reconsider, which was put, under the previous question moved by Mr. Gayle,

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 96 / Nays ..... 68

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Lucien B. Chase
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan

Mr. Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Alexander Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
William L. Goggin
Dudley S. Gregory
Nathan K. Hall
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Daniel P. King

Mr. Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
James McDowell
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Phelps
Gideon Reynolds
R. Barnwell Rhett
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
George A. Starkweather
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
Jacob Collamer
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
James Dixon
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
John Freedley
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell

Mr. Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Thomas J. Henley
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
George Petrie
James Pollock
William B. Preston

Mr. William A. Richardson
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Daniel B. St. John
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Andrew Stewart
Charles E. Stuart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth.

So the vote on the passage was reconsidered.

The question recurred on the passage of the bill; and,

After debate,

Mr. Stuart, of Michigan, moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered to be put: when

Mr. Boyden moved that the bill be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 81 / Nays ..... 77

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Richard L. T. Beale
Henry Bedinger
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
John G. Chapman
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Mr. Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Alexander Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Thomas S. Flournoy
John Freedley
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Mr. Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Joseph Mullin
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Pendleton
Gideon Reynolds
R. Barnwell Rhett
John L. Robinson
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
George A. Starkweather
James H. Thomas
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
James B. Bowlin
Jasper E. Brady
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
Jacob Collamer
Mason C. Darling
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William A. Richardson
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton

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| Mr. Charles E. Stuart | Mr. Richard W. Thompson | Mr. Thomas J. Turner |
| John Strohm | William Thompson | Cornelius Warren |
| William Strong | Benjamin B. Thurston | John Wentworth. |
| Frederick A. Tallmadge | Patrick W. Tompkins | |

Mr. George S. Houston moved that the vote on laying the said bill on the table be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

Mr. Stanton moved, at 9 o'clock and thirty-five minutes, p. m., that the House adjourn; which was decided in the negative.

The question recurred on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. George S. Houston.

And, being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate insist on its disagreement to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. No. 136) for giving effect to certain treaty stipulations between this and foreign governments, for the apprehension and delivering up of certain offenders, and agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on said amendment, and have appointed Mr. Butler, Mr. Davis, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Breese managers at said conference on the part of the Senate.

The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No. 130) entitled "An act for the relief of B. O. Tayloe," without amendment.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on this day, present to the President of the United States, joint resolutions and bills of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 246. An act renewing certain naval pensions, and extending the benefits of existing laws respecting naval pensions to engineers, firemen, and coal heavers in the navy, and to their widows.

S. No. 36. An act to change the time of holding the terms of the circuit court of the United States in the district of Maine.

S. No. 101. An act for the relief of Oliver C. Harris.

S. No. 32. A resolution authorizing the submission of certain claims to arbitration.

H. R. No. 39. An act for the relief of Alborne Allen.

H. R. No. 120. An act for the relief of Joseph Perry, a Choctaw Indian, or his assigns.

H. R. No. 192. An act for the relief of the heirs and widow of François Gramillion.

H. R. No. 462. An act for the relief of John Farnham.

H. R. No. 380. An act for the relief of Francis M. Holton.

H. R. No. 581. An act to surrender to the State of Indiana the Cumberland road in said State.

H. R. No. 106. An act for the relief of the Red River Railroad Company.

H. R. No. 152. An act for dividing the State of Georgia into two judicial districts, and organizing and establishing an additional district court of the United States, with circuit court powers and jurisdiction.

H. R. No. 207. An act for the relief of Samuel Cony.

H. R. No. 634. An act to authorize the State of Alabama to apply certain lands heretofore granted to that State for internal improvements for the use of schools in the valueless sixteenth sections in said State.

S. No. 34. A resolution concerning the distribution of the Statutes at Large.

S. No. 37. A resolution granting to the Jackson Monument committee certain brass guns and mortars captured by General Andrew Jackson, and for other purposes.

S. No. 128. An act to carry into effect certain provisions in the treaties between the United States and China and the Ottoman Porte, giving certain judicial powers to ministers and consuls of the United States in those countries.

S. No. 135. An act for the relief of David N. Smith.

S. No. 320. An act to change the time of holding the circuit and district courts in the State of Kentucky.

And then, on motion of Mr. Jacob Thompson, the House, at 9 o'clock and forty minutes, adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

## SATURDAY, August 12, 1848.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the motion made by Mr. James Thompson, to reconsider the vote on the passage of the bill of the Senate (No. 276) entitled "An act for the relief of Charity Herrington;" and the same was reconsidered accordingly: when

By unanimous consent, the said bill, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, was amended, by adding thereto the following:

"*Provided*, That this act, and the patent hereby authorized to be granted, shall not have the effect, or be construed to impair any legal or equitable claim of any person or persons whatsoever, to said tract or parcel of land."

The said bill was then passed, *by the unanimous consent of the House.*

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said amendment.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll, by unanimous consent, introduced a joint resolution (No. 41) tendering the congratulations of Congress to the German Confederation: which was read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill (H. R. No. 599) to establish certain post routes, with amendments: in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

The Senate insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the House to the bill of the House (No. 618) making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849; and agree to the conference asked by the House upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon the said amendments, and they have

appointed Mr. Atherton, Mr. Benton, and Mr. Johnson, of Maryland, managers at said conference on the part of the Senate.

And then he withdrew.

And thereupon, on motion of Mr. Vinton, it was

*Resolved*, That the House do insist on its disagreement to sundry of the said amendments to the said bill (H. R. 618) and agree to the conference asked thereon by the Senate.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Toombs, Mr. Boyd, and Mr. Hall, of New York, be the managers at said conference on the part of the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Subsequently, Mr. Toombs was excused, at his own request, from serving on the said conference, and Mr. Hubbard was appointed.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private Secretary, notifying that he did, on yesterday, approve and sign bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 39. An act for the relief of Alborne Allen.

H. R. No. 120. An act for the relief of Joseph Perry, a Choctaw Indian, or his assigns.

H. R. No. 192. An act for the relief of the heirs and widow of François Gramillion.

H. R. No. 462. An act for the relief of John Farnham.

H. R. No. 380. An act for the relief of Francis M. Holton.

H. R. No. 581. An act to surrender to the State of Indiana the Cumberland road in said State.

H. R. No. 106. An act for the relief of the Red River Railroad Company.

H. R. No. 152. An act for dividing the State of Georgia into two judicial districts, and organizing and establishing an additional district court of the United States with circuit court powers and jurisdiction.

H. R. No. 207. An act for the relief of Samuel Cony.

H. R. No. 634. An act to authorize the State of Alabama to apply certain lands heretofore granted to that State for internal improvements for the use of schools in the valueless sixteenth sections in said State.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a resolution suspending the sixteenth joint rule so far as to permit the sending to the House of Representatives the bill "to carry into effect certain stipulations of the treaty between the United States of America and the republic of Mexico of the 2d day of February, 1848;" in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said resolution: when the same was read, and concurred in.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A further message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the report of the conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon the amendments to the bill of the House (No. 298) making appropria-

tions for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and for other purposes.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Vinton, by leave, from the managers appointed on the part of the House to conduct the conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments to the said bill No. 298, made the following report:

The committee of conference on the part of the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill of the House (No. 298) entitled "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1849, and for other purposes," report:

That they have met the conferees on the part of the Senate, and after free and full conference on the subject of the disagreeing votes, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective Houses as follows, namely:

1. That the Senate recede from their amendments numbered 5, 17, 18, 36, 44, 50, 51, 56, 67, 69, 71, 73, 82, 84, and 89.

2. That the Senate recede from their disagreement to the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate numbered 77 and 99, and agree to the same.

3. That the Senate recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate numbered 83, and agree to said amendment of the House with the following amendment, namely: Strike out the words "a naval constructor in the employ of the Navy Department," and in lieu thereof insert "an officer of the revenue service."

4. That the Senate recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate numbered 98, and agree to the same with the following amendments, namely: *First.* Strike out the words "to be set apart in the treasury of the United States as a separate fund, to be known as the Creek education fund, and that an interest of six per cent. on said sum shall be annually expended under the direction of the President of the United States for the establishment and perpetual maintenance of common schools in the country now occupied by the Creek nation of Indians, for the use and improvement of said Indians," and in lieu thereof insert "said sum of one hundred and forty-one thousand fifty-five dollars and ninety-one cents, to be paid to the said Creek nation of Indians in the manner following, viz: one-fifth on demand and the residue thereof, without interest, to be paid in four equal annual instalments;" and, *Second.* At the end of the said amendment of the House to said amendment of the Senate add the following words, namely: "And on condition, also, that the persons to whom said money shall be paid shall make proof to the satisfaction of the President of the United States that they have full power and authority to receive and receipt for the same."

5. That the House recede from their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,

19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 35, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 48, 52, 53, 57, 68, and 81, and agree to the same.

6. That the House recede from their amendments to the amendments of the Senate numbered 69 and 90, and agree to the said amendments of the Senate.

7. That the House recede from their disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 70, and agree to the same, with the following amendment, namely: Strike out "twenty-four," and in lieu thereof insert "fifteen."

C. G. ATHERTON,
JOHN H. CLARKE,
R. M. T. HUNTER,
*Conferees on the part of the Senate.*

SAML. F. VINTON,
CHARLES HUDSON,
*Conferees on the part of the House of Representatives.*

On motion of Mr. Vinton, the House proceeded to consider the message from the Senate announcing the agreement of the Senate to the said report of the conference upon the said amendments to the said bill, No. 298;

And the question was stated on concurring with the Senate in their agreement to the report of the said conference.

And, after debate,

Mr. Dickey moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, viz: Will the House concur with the Senate in their agreement to the said report?

And decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 102 / Nays ..... 73

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
John Blanchard
John M. Botts
Jasper E. Brady
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
Richard S. Canby
John G. Chapman
Franklin Clark
Jacob Collamer
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn

Mr. George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
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John W. Farrelly
John Gayle
James S. Green
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Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Isaac E. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John Jamieson

Mr. Robert W. Johnson
David S. Kaufman
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Emile La Sère
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
William A. Newell
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
James Pollock
R. Barnwell Rhett
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root

Mr. Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Eliakim Sherrill
Peter H. Sylvester
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
Mr. John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Mr. Amos Tuck
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
Cornelius Warren
Hezekiah Williams
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
Kingsley S. Bingham
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Lynn Boyd
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
Beverly L. Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
William Duer
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
John Freedley
Mr. Richard French
George Fries
Daniel Gott
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Hugh L. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
William Kennon, jr.
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Mr. James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Joseph Mullin
Henry Nicoll
Lucius B. Peck
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
William B. Preston
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth
William W. Wick.

So the report was agreed to.

Mr. Vinton moved to reconsider the last mentioned vote, and that his motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. No. 130. An act for the relief of B. O. Tayloe;

S. No. 203. An act in relation to the terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States in and for the district of New Jersey;

S. 217. An act for the relief of Gustavus Dorr;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Mr. Fries, by leave, presented a communication from the Commisioner of Indian Affairs; which was read;

And, thereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. John A. Rockwell, that the communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, read to the House, being disrespectful in its language, be not received.

And, after debate,

Mr. Fries withdrew the said communication.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the managers at the conference on

the part of the House upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon the amendment to the bill from the Senate (No. 136) entitled "An act for giving effect to certain treaty stipulations between this and foreign governments for the apprehension and delivering up of certain offenders," made the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreement between the two Houses upon the bill of the Senate (No. 136) for giving effect to certain treaty stipulations between this and foreign governments for the apprehension and delivery of certain offenders," recommend:

That the amenements adopted by the House of Representatives to the Senate bill be agreed to, with the following exceptions and alterations:

Page 1, (House amendment) strike out from the word "it," inclusive, in the third line, to the word "found," in the ninth line, and insert "it shall and may be lawful for any of the justices of the Supreme Court or judges of the several district courts of the United States, and the judges of the several State courts, and the commissioners authorized so to do by any of the courts of the United States, are hereby severally vested with power, jurisdiction, and authority."

Page 1, 14th and 15th lines, insert the word "or," after the word "judge," and strike out the words "justice, mayor, alderman, and magistrate."

Page 1, 15th and 16th lines, strike out the words "or other person having power to commit as aforesaid."

Page 2, 6th line, insert the word "or," after the word "judge," and strike out the word "justice," in that line, to the word "magistrate," inclusive, in the 7th line; and, in the same 7th line, strike out from the word "or," to the word "commit," inclusive.

A. P. BUTLER,
JOHN DAVIS,
SIDNEY BREESE,
*Committee of conference on the part of the Senate.*

J. R. INGERSOLL,
J. L. TAYLOR,
JNO. H. LUMPKIN,
*Committee of conference on the part of the House of Representatives.*

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said report: when it was read, and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Duncan, of Kentucky, moved that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the consideration of the bill from the Senate (No. 291) entitled "An act to compensate R. M. Johnson for the erection of certain buildings for the use of the Choctaw academy;" which was disagreed to—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. Dixon, it was

*Ordered*, That the House take a recess this day from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, p. m.

On motion of Mr. Root, the House proceeded to the consideration of the business upon the Speaker's table: when

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the House of the 28th of June last, a statement of the duties, revenues, and public expenditure, during the two last fiscal years.

*Ordered*, That the said letter and statement be laid upon the table, and printed.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (No. 599) to establish certain post routes, sundry of which were read and agreed to, and one (the "second section" of said amendments) was amended by inserting therein, after the word "letting," the words "in the year 1849:" when

Mr. Root moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and all the remaining amendments were read and disposed of.

And so it was

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives do agree to the said amendments of the Senate, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 28.

That the House do agree to the amendment of the Senate, number 26, with an amendment; and disagree to the amendments numbered 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate of these proceedings, and request their concurrence in the said amendment to the 26th amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the message from the Senate, notifying that the Senate insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the House to the bill (H. R. No. 290) to change the times for holding the district courts of the United States in the western district of Virginia, and for other purposes: when

On motion of Mr. George W. Jones, it was

*Ordered*, That the House do insist upon its disagreement to the said amendment, and ask a conference thereon, and that Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, and Mr. Thurston, of Rhode Island, be the managers at the said conference on the part of the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk inform the Senate of these proceedings.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill (No. 313) to carry into effect certain stipulations of the treaty between the United States of America and the republic of Mexico of the 2d of February, 1848: in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill from the Senate (No. 95) entitled "An act granting to the State of Illinois the right of way and a donation of public lands for making a rail-

road connecting the upper and lower Mississippi with the chain of northern lakes at Chicago:" which was reported from the Committee on Public Lands on the 23d of June last, with amendments, (and left upon the Speaker's table.)

The question was stated on agreeing to the said amendments: when, the same being amended by the House,

Mr. Collamer moved the previous question.

Thereupon,

Mr. Dickey moved that the bill be laid upon the table.

Mr. Atkinson moved that there be a call of the House: which was disagreed to.

And the question was then put, Shall the said bill be laid upon the table?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 57 / Nays ..... 77

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

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| Mr. Archibald Atkinson | Mr. Alexander Evans | Mr. Richard K. Meade |
| Daniel M. Barringer | Thomas S. Flournoy | Joseph Mullin |
| Henry Bedinger | Richard French | David Outlaw |
| Thomas S. Bocock | George Fries | Charles H. Peaslee |
| John M. Botts | Andrew S. Fulton | Lucius B. Peck |
| Nathaniel Boydon | Dudley S. Gregory | John S. Pendleton |
| Richard Brodhead | James G. Hampton | Joseph M. Root |
| Charles Brown | Samson W. Harris | David Rumsey, jr. |
| Howell Cobb | William Henry | Augustine H. Shepperd |
| Williamson R. W. Cobb | Hugh L. W. Hill | Eliakim Sherrill |
| William Collins | Elias B. Holmes | Richard F. Simpson |
| Harmon S. Conger | George S. Houston | George A. Starkweather |
| Robert B. Cranston | Timothy Jenkins | James H. Thomas |
| John H. Crozier | Andrew Johnson | Jacob Thompson |
| John D. Cummins | George W. Jones | Robert Toombs |
| John R. J. Daniel | William Kennon, jr. | Abraham W. Venable |
| John Dickey | Sidney Lawrence | Samuel F. Vinton |
| Garnett Duncan | James McDowell | Daniel Wallace |
| George N. Eckert | James J. McKay | Joseph A. Woodward. |

Those who voted in the negative are,

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| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Joseph Grinnell | Mr. Henry Nicoll |
| Ausburn Birdsall | Artemas Hale | John G. Palfrey |
| John Blanchard | Willard P. Hall | George Petrie |
| Jasper E. Brady | Thomas J. Henley | John Pettit |
| Albert G. Brown | Charles Hudson | John S. Phelps |
| Chester Butler | Washington Hunt | James Pollock |
| E. Carrington Cabell | John Jamieson | William B. Preston |
| Charles W. Cathcart | Orlando Kellogg | Harvey Putnam |
| Thomas L. Clingman | T. Butler King | R. Barnwell Rhett |
| Jacob Collamer | Daniel P. King | William A. Richardson |
| Mason C. Darling | Abraham Lincoln | William Rockhill |
| Rudolphus Dickinson | William Pitt Lynde | John A. Rockwell |
| James Dixon | Robert McClelland | J. Dixon Roman |
| William Duer | John A. McClernand | Robert L. Rose |
| George G. Dunn | Abraham R. McIlvaine | Robert C. Schenck |
| Joseph E. Edsall | Robert M. McLane | Caleb B. Smith |
| Elisha Embree | George P. Marsh | Robert Smith |
| Nathan Evans | Dudley Marvin | Truman Smith |
| Orlando B. Ficklin | Jonathan D. Morris | Frederick P. Stanton |
| John Freedley | Henry C. Murphy | Alexander H. Stephens |
| Daniel Gott | William Nelson | Charles E. Stuart |
| James S. Green | William A. Newell | John Strohm |

Mr. William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
Mr. William Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
John Van Dyke
Mr. Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

The question recurred on agreeing to the said amendments.
Mr. George W. Jones moved that there be a call of the House.
And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 60 / Nays ..... 100

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Thomas S. Bocock
James B. Bowlin
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Armistead Burt
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Rudolphus Dickinson
Richard S. Donnell
Thomas O. Edwards
Mr. Alexander Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
Mr. John H. Lumpkin
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Joseph Mullin
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
John S. Phelps
Gideon Reynolds
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Eliakim Sherrill
Richard F. Simpson
George A. Starkweather
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert Toombs
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Charles Brown
Albert G. Brown
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
Mason C. Darling
James Dixon
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
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David Fisher
John Freedley
Andrew S. Fulton
James S. Green
Mr. Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William Henry
Isaac E. Holmes
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Robert W. Johnson
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
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William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
George P. Marsh
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
William Nelson
Henry Nes
Mr. Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
Lucius B. Peck
John S. Pendleton
George Petrie
John Pettit
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
R. Barnwell Rhett
William A. Richardson
Thomas Richey
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Daniel B. St. John
William Sawyer
Augustine H. Shepperd
Peter H. Sylvester
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson

Mr. William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Amos Tuck
Mr. Thomas J. Turner
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Mr. Hugh White
William W. Wick
Joseph A. Woodward.

So a call of the House was refused; and

The question recurred on the said amendments: when

The previous question moved by Mr. Collamer was seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and the amendments reported from the Committee on Public Lands, as amended by the House, were read and agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The said amendments being engrossed,

The question was put, Shall the said bill be read a third time?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 73 / Nays ..... 79

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Ausburn Birdsall
Jasper E. Brady
Albert G. Brown
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
William Duer
George G. Dunn
Elisha Embree
Nathan Evans
Orlando B. Ficklin
John Freedley
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Willard P. Hall
Thomas J. Henley
Isaac E. Holmes
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Mr. John Jamieson
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Abraham Lincoln
Frederick W. Lord
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
George P. Marsh
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
George Petrie
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William B. Preston
William A. Richardson
Mr. William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Daniel B. St. John
Peter H. Sylvester
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White
William W. Wick.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Daniel M. Barringer
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Thomas S. Bocock
John M. Botts
Nathaniel Boydon
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Mr. John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
John Dickey
Richard S. Donnell
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
George Fries
Andrew S. Fulton
David Hammons
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Mr. William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Charles J. Ingersoll
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
James McDowell

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| Mr. Abraham R. McIlvaine | Mr. Harvey Putnam | Mr. Jacob Thompson |
| James J. McKay | Joseph M. Root | Robert A. Thompson |
| Robert M. McLane | David Rumsey, jr. | Robert Toombs |
| Dudley Marvin | Augustine H. Shepperd | John Van Dyke |
| Richard K. Meade | Eliakim Sherrill | Abraham W. Venable |
| Joseph Mullin | Richard F. Simpson | Samuel F. Vinton |
| David Outlaw | Ephraim K. Smart | Daniel Wallace |
| Charles H. Peaslee | James H. Thomas | Joseph A. Woodward. |
| John S. Pendleton | | |

Mr. McLane moved that the last vote be reconsidered; and, while debating his motion to reconsider, the hour of three and a half o'clock arrived, and the House took a recess.

FIVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session: when

Mr. Marvin, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 295) entitled "An act to allow subsistence to certain Arkansas and other volunteers who have been prisoners of war in Mexico," reported the same without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Marvin, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 308) entitled "An act concerning the pay department of the army, reported the same without amendment: when it was

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

And thereupon, the bill was read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry communications, viz:

I. A letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting, in obedience to a resolution of the House of the 21st of December, 1847, a report upon the state of the claims of Aaron Leggett, accompanied by copies of all the correspondence relating thereto: which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

II. A letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the House of the 9th of August, 1848, a copy of the proceedings of a court of inquiry convened at the city of Puebla, in Mexico, in July, 1847, at the instance of Colonel Bennet Riley, of which Major General Pillow was President: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

III. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the superintendent of the construction of standard weights and measures on the progress made thereon during the years 1846 and 1847: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

IV. A letter from the mayor of the city of Washington, transmitting a copy of the resolutions of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council of the City of Washington, expressive of their sense of the kind consideration manifested by Congress for

the interest of the city during the present session: which was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Vinton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 68) entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of War to surrender certain bonds of the State of Indiana (held by the United States) to the agent of said State for said State of Indiana, reported the same back without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be laid upon the table.

The rules being suspended for the purpose,

Mr. Fries introduced the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee of five members of this House be appointed to inquire into, and fully investigate, the course pursued by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in the administration of his official duties, and especially into the charges made and preferred in a debate in this body on the 9th instant, by the Hon. T. L. Clingman, a member of this House, and that said committee have full and ample power and authority to require books and papers, to examine witnesses and to investigate fully said charges, and that said committee shall report the result of their said investigation at the next session of Congress.

The resolution was read: when

Mr. Conger moved that it be laid upon the table: which was disagreed to.

And the question was then put on agreeing to the resolution.

And decided in the affirmative, under the previous question moved by Mr. Fries.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fries, Mr. Duer, Mr. Jacob Thompson, Mr. Outlaw, and Mr. Brady, be the said committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to their amendment numbered 26, and recede from their amendments numbered 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33, disagreed to by the House to the bill of the House (No. 599) to establish certain post routes.

The Senate further insist upon their amendments to the bill (H. R. 290) entitled "An act to change the times of holding the district courts of the United States in the western district of Virginia, and for other purposes;" and agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on said amendments, and have appointed Mr. Butler, Mr. Mason, and Mr. Hale, managers at the conference on the part of the Senate.

The Senate have agreed to the report of the conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments to the bill (S. 136) for giving effect to certain treaty stipulations between this and foreign governments for the apprehension and delivering up of certain offenders.

And then he withdrew.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill of the House (No.

556) entitled "An act granting a pension to William Pittman," without amendment.

They have agreed to the amendment of the House to the Senate bill (No. 276) for the relief of Charity Herrington.

The Senate have been notified by the President of the United States, that he did yesterday approve and sign bills and resolutions of the following titles, viz:

S. 320. An act to change the time of holding the circuit and district court in the State of Kentucky.

S. 128. An act to carry into effect certain provisions in the treaties between the United States and China and the Ottoman Porte, giving certain judicial powers to ministers and consuls of the United States in those countries.

S. 135. An act for the relief of David N. Smith.

S. 246. An act reviving certain naval pensions and extending the benefits of existing laws respecting naval pensions to engineers, firemen, and coal heavers in the navy, and to their widows.

S. 101. An act for the relief of Oliver C. Harris.

S. 36. An act to change the time of holding the terms of the circuit court of the United States for the district of Maine.

S. 34. A resolution concerning the distribution of the Statutes at Large.

S. 37. A resolution granting to the Jackson monument committee certain brass guns and mortars captured by General Jackson, and for other purposes.

S. 32. A resolution authorizing the submission of certain claims to arbitration.

And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill from the Senate (No. 95) entitled "An act granting to the State of Illinois the right of way, and a donation of public lands for making a railroad connecting the upper Mississippi and lower Mississippi with the chain of northern lakes at Chicago;" the question being on the motion made by Mr. McLane, to reconsider the vote by which the House this day refused to order the said bill to a third reading.

And, after debate,

Mr. McLane moved the previous question.

Mr. Duncan, of Kentucky, moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 80 / Nays ..... 64

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Richard Brodhead | Mr. William M. Cocke |
| Archibald Atkinson | Charles Brown | William Collins |
| Daniel M. Barringer | Aylett Buckner | Harmon S. Conger |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Armistead Burt | Robert B. Cranston |
| Thomas S. Bocock | Franklin Clark | John H. Crozier |
| Franklin W. Bowdon | Beverly L. Clark | John R. J. Daniel |
| Nathaniel Boydon | Howell Cobb | John Dickey |
| Jasper E. Brady | Williamson R. W. Cobb | Rudolphus Dickinson |

Mr. James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
Winfield S. Featherston
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
Artemas Hale
David Hammons
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Henry W. Hilliard
Elias B. Holmes
Mr. George S. Houston
Charles Hudson
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
George W. Jones
John W. Jones
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
John H. Lumpkin
Abraham R. McIlvaine
James J. McKay
Job Mann
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
David Outlaw
Mr. John S. Pendleton
Timothy Pillsbury
J. Dixon Roman
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Eliakim Sherrill
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
David A. Starkweather
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Abraham W. Venable
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
Hezekiah Williams
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. George Ashmun
Ausburn Birdsall
James B. Bowlin
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
Thomas L. Clingman
John D. Cummins
Mason C. Darling
William Duer
George G. Dunn
Thomas O. Edwards
Elisha Embree
James J. Faran
Orlando B. Ficklin
John Freedley
Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Willard P. Hall
Thomas J. Henley
Isaac E. Holmes
Mr. Washington Hunt
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Lewis C. Levin
Abraham Lincoln
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
Robert M. McLane
George P. Marsh
Charles S. Morehead
Jonathan D. Morris
Henry C. Murphy
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Mr. William A. Richardson
William Rockhill
John A. Rockwell
Robert L. Rose
Daniel B. St. John
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
Richard W. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Thomas J. Turner
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

So the said motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

The bill from the Senate (No. 313) entitled "An act to carry into effect certain stipulations of the treaty between the United States of America and the republic of Mexico, of the 2d day of February, 1848," was read a first and second time.

Mr. Truman Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll moved that it be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Nicoll moved that the rule requiring the bill to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, be suspended: which motion was disagreed to—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Dickey moved that the bill be laid upon the table: which was disagreed to.

The question was then put on committing the bill to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and disagreed to.

The motion of Mr. Truman Smith that the bill be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, was then put and agreed to.

Mr. T. Butler King moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: which was disagreed to.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved, at five minutes before 7 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn: which was disagreed to.

On motion of Mr. John A. Rockwell, (the rules being suspended for the purpose,) it was

*Resolved* That the House proceed to the consideration of private bills from the Senate; and those to which there shall be no objection, shall be first considered.

In pursuance of the said resolution, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and proceeded to the consideration of the said Senate bills; and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Thompson, of Indiana, reported bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 40. An act for the relief of Milledge Galphin, executor of the last will and testament of George Galphin, deceased;

No. 21. An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Robert Purkis;

No. 109. An act for the relief of Purser Benjamin J. Cahoone;

No. 126. An act for the relief of Anna J. Hassler;

No. 78. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Pistole, widow of Charles Pistole;

No. 134. An act for the relief of David Currier;

No. 28. Joint resolution for the relief of Richard Fields.

No. 142. An act for the relief of Benjamin Adams and Company and others;

No. 79. An act for the relief of Jesse Turner;

No. 113. An act for the relief of Messrs. Cook, Anthony, Mahon, and others;

No. 87. An act granting a pension to Abigail Garland, widow of Jacob Garland, deceased;

No. 179. An act for the relief of Mary Taylor;

No. 133. An act for the relief of Welcome Parmenter;

No. 145. An act granting a pension to John Clark;

No. 172. An act for the relief of D. A. Watterson;

No. 171. An act for the relief of Charles M. Gibson;

No. 162. An act for the relief of George V. Mitchell;

No. 187. An act for the relief of David Wilkinson;

No. 153. An act for the payment of Charles Richmond;

No. 13. Resolution for the relief of H. B. Gaither;

No. 256. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas J. V. Owens, deceased;

severally without amendment; and

No. 110. An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines of the brig-of-war Somers;

No. 194. An act for the relief of John Lorimer Graham, late postmaster in the city of New York;

No. 161. An act for the relief of Samuel Grice;

No. 154. An act for the relief of William B. Stokes;

No. 122. An act supplementary to an act to authorize the Secretary of State to liquidate certain claims therein mentioned, passed 18th of April, 1814;

severally with amendments.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bills: when

The said amendments were severally read and agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed, and all of the said bills were ordered to be read a third time to-day.

And thereupon,

The said bills were severally read the third time accordingly, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

On motion of Mr. Garnett Duncan, the Committee of the Whole House was discharged from the consideration of the bill from the Senate (No. 291) entitled "An act to compensate R. M. Johnson for the erection of certain buildings for the use of the Choctaw academy; and

The bill was thereupon ordered to be read a third time, under the previous question moved by Mr. Duncan.

Thereupon,

The bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Duncan moved that the vote upon the passage of the bill be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Duncan moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House, out of the contingent fund of this House, pay to the proprietors of the National Intelligencer for publishing the proceedings and debates of this House during this session, including the proceedings of the Committees of the Whole, and excluding the revised speeches, at the rate of seven dollars and fifty cents for each column of brevier type, and at that rate; and that he pay to the proprietors of the Union for like service at the like rate.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof. { Yeas..... 63 / Nays..... 70

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. Amos Abbott | Mr. Daniel Duncan | Mr. Artemas Hale |
| Green Adams | Garnett Duncan | Moses Hampton |
| George Ashmun | George N. Eckert | Henry W. Hilliard |
| Thomas H. Bayly | Joseph E. Edsall | John W Houston |
| Nathaniel Boydon | Nathan Evans | Samuel D. Hubbard |
| Jasper E. Brady | John W. Farrelly | Charles Hudson |
| Chester Butler | David Fisher | Washington Hunt |
| E. Carrington Cabell | Thomas S. Flournoy | Charles J. Ingersoll |
| John G. Chapman | Andrew S. Fulton | Orlando Kellogg |
| Thomas L. Clingman | Dudley S. Gregory | T. Butler King |
| Rudolphus Dickinson | Joseph Grinnell | Daniel P. King |

Mr. Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
Henry Nes
William A. Newell
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
Mr. James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Mr. Frederick P. Stanton
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Jacob Thompson
Richard W. Thompson
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Franklin Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William M. Cocke
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
William Duer
Joseph E. Edsall
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
Mr. Daniel Gott
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
Hugh L. W. Hill
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
Joseph Mullin
Henry C. Murphy
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
R. Barnwell Rhett
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Charles E. Stuart
John Strohm
William Strong
James H. Thomas
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

Mr. Van Dyke, by leave, from the Committee on Elections, reported the following resolution; which was read:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House pay out of the contingent fund of this House to James Monroe, the same per diem compensation and mileage paid to members of this House, from the commencement of the present session of Congress to the termination of the contested election between him and David S. Jackson.

Mr. Atkinson moved that the resolution be laid upon the table: which was not agreed to.

And the said resolution, as reported, was then agreed to by the House.

Mr. Van Dyke moved that the vote on agreeing thereto be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Burt,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of the bill from the Senate (No. 190) entitled "An act for the payment of the fourth regiment of the second brigade of the third division of the Vermont militia for services at the battle of Plattsburg."

The bill was thereupon ordered to be read a third time.

The bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 136. An act for giving effect to certain treaty stipulations between this and foreign governments for the apprehension and delivering up of certain offenders.

S. 276. An act for the relief of Charity Herrington.

S. 308. An act concerning the pay department of the army.

The Speaker signed said bills.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the report of the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon the amendments to the bill of the House (No. 618) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849."

They have agreed to the report of the conference on the part of the Senate on the amendments to the bill (H. R. 290) entitled "An act to change the times of holding the district courts of the United States in the western district of Virginia, and for other purposes."

They have passed the bill of the House (No. 276) entitled "An act for the relief of Richard Reynolds," without amendment.

Mr. Charles Brown moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House pay, out of the contingent fund of the House, to John M. Botts, his mileage and pay as a member from the 4th day of December, 1843, to the 6th of June inclusive, while contesting the seat of John W. Jones.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof, { Yeas..... 73 / Nays..... 54

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
George Ashmun
Daniel M. Barringer
John Blanchard
Thomas S. Bocock
Nathaniel Boydon
Jasper E. Brady
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
William M. Cocke
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
John Dickey
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards

Mr. James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Andrew S. Fulton
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin

Mr. Henry Nes
William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
David Outlaw
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
John Pettit
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
Andrew Stewart
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge

Mr. John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John Van Dyke
Mr. Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Mr. John Wentworth
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Armistead Burt
Richard S. Canby
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Joseph E. Edsall
Winfield S. Featherston
Richard French
George Fries
James S. Green
Mr. Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
John H. Lumpkin
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Jonathan D. Morris
Mr. Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Charles E. Stuart
James H. Thomas
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Thomas J. Turner
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
David Wilmot
Joseph A. Woodward.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, of Michigan,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw the papers in the case of Elizabeth Whiting.

On motion of Mr. Boyd, the House proceeded to the consideration of the message from the Senate announcing its agreement to the report of the conference on the amendment to the bill (No. 618) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849:" when

Mr. Boyd, from the managers at said conference on the part of the House, made the following report:

The committee of conference on the part of the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the House bill (No. 618) entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849," report:

That they have met the conferees on the part of the Senate, and after a full and free conference on the subject of the disagreeing votes, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend to the respective Houses, as follows:

1st. That the Senate recede from their first eight amendments to the said bill.

2. That the House recede from their disagreement to the ninth amendment of the Senate.

3d. That the Senate recede from their eleventh and fifteenth amendments to said bill.

4th. That the Senate recede from their twelfth amendment, being an amendment to the second section of the bill, and agree to the said second section, with the following amendment:

Insert at the close thereof the following words:

*Provided*, That the President of the United States may, by transfers from other regiments, increase the number of privates of not more than five regiments, to such number as he may think discreet,

not exceeding one hundred privates to each of the companies of said five regiments; and that the House do agree to the said amendment to the said second section.

C. G. ATHERTON,
THOMAS H. BENTON,
H. JOHNSON,
*Conferees on the part of the Senate.*

LINN BOYD,
S. D. HUBBARD,
N. K. HALL,
*Conferees on the part of the House.*

The said report was read; and

The question was put, Will the House concur with the Senate in their agreement to the report of the conference on the part of the Senate upon the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments to the said bill?

And decided in the affirmative, under the previous question moved by Mr. Boyd.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (No. 298) entitled "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending 30th June, 1849, and for other purposes," and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Mr. Willard P. Hall moved, at 9 o'clock, p. m., that the House adjourn;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 77 / Nays ..... 63

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Robert B. Cranston
John H. Crozier
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Rudolphus Dickinson
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Mr. Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
David Fisher
John Freedley
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
David Hammons
Hugh A. Haralson
William Henry
Hugh L. W. Hill
Charles Hudson
Alexander Irvin
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
George W. Jones
Mr. David S. Kaufman
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Frederick W. Lord
John H. Lumpkin
William Pitt Lynde
Robert McClelland
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Jonathan D. Morris
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
Gideon Reynolds
R. Barnwell Rhett
William Rockhill

Mr. Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Richard F. Simpson
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
Mr. Alexander H. Stephens
William Strong
James H. Thomas
Jacob Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Mr. Thomas J. Turner
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Daniel M. Barringer
John Blanchard
Franklin W. Bowdon
Jasper E. Brady
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Williamson R. W. Cobb
Harmon S. Conger
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
John W. Farrelly
Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Mr. Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
Henry W. Hilliard
Isaac E. Holmes
Elias B. Holmes
George S. Houston
Samuel D. Hubbard
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Richard K. Meade
Charles S. Morehead
Joseph Mullin
Mr. William A. Newell
Henry Nicoll
John G. Palfrey
John S. Pendleton
Harvey Putnam
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Caleb B. Smith
Truman Smith
Andrew Stewart
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
John B. Thompson
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Cornelius Warren
John Wentworth
Hugh White.

And the House accordingly adjourned until Monday next, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

## MONDAY, August 14, 1848.

*Ordered*, That Mr. John G. Chapman be appointed upon the Committee on Enrolled Bills on the part of this House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had presented to the President of the United States enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 298. An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending 30th June, 1849, and for other purposes.

H. R. No. 130. An act for the relief of B. O. Tayloe.

S. No. 203. An act in relation to the terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States in and for the district of New Jersey.

S. No. 217. An act for the relief of Gustavus Dorr.

S. No. 294. An act making appropriations for light-houses, light-boats, buoys, &c., and providing for the erection and establishment of the same.

S. No. 276. An act for the relief of Charity Herrington.

S. No. 308 An act concerning the pay department of the army.

S. No. 136. An act for giving effect to certain treaty stipulations between this and foreign governments for the apprehension and delivering up of certain offenders.

Mr. John L. Robinson introduced the following resolution:

*Resolved*, (the Senate concurring,) That the 17th joint rule of the two Houses be, and the same is hereby, suspended, so far as to permit all bills that have been already passed by both Houses, or may this day pass, to be sent to the President of the United States.

The said resolution was read: when Mr. John L. Robinson moved the previous question.

Mr. Rhett moved that there be a call of the House: which motion was disagreed to.

The previous question was then seconded; and the main question was ordered and put, and the said resolution was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said resolution.

Mr. McClelland moved that the vote on agreeing to the resolution be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

Mr. John L. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

No. 201. An act to establish the territorial government of Oregon;

No. 556. An act for the relief of William Pittman;

No. 599. An act to establish certain post routes;

and found the same truly enrolled.

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Mr. Peck, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills and a resolution of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 13. A resolution for the relief of H. B. Gaither;

S. No. 21. An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Robert Purkis;

S. No. 40. An act for the relief of Milledge Galphin, executor of the last will and testament of George Galphin, deceased;

S. No. 78. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Pistole, widow of Charles Pistole, deceased;

S. No. 79. An act for the relief of Jesse Turner;

S. No. 87. An act granting a pension to Abigail Garland, widow of Jacob Garland, deceased;

S. No. 109. An act for the relief of Purser Benjamin J. Cahoone;

S. No. 113. An act for the relief of Messrs. Cook, Anthony, Mahon, and others;

S. No. 126. An act for the relief of Anna J. Hassler;

S. No. 133. An act for the relief of Welcome Parmeter;

S. No. 134. An act for the relief of David Currier;

S. No. 142. An act for the relief of Benjamin Adams and Company and others;

S. No. 145. An act granting a pension to John Clark;

S. No. 153. An act for the payment of Charles Richmond;

S. No. 171. An act for the relief of Charles M. Gibson;

S. No. 172. An act for the relief of D. A. Watterston;

S. No. 179. An act for the relief of Mary Taylor;

S. No. 187. An act for the relief of David Wilkinson;

S. No. 190. An act for the payment of the fourth regiment of the second brigade of the third division of the Vermont militia, for services at the battle of Plattsburg;

S. No. 256. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas J. V. Owen, deceased;

S. No. 291. An act to compensate R. M. Johnson for the erection of certain buildings for the use of the Choctaw academy;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill of the following title, viz:

No. 618. An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th June, 1849.

Mr. Joseph R. Ingersoll, from the conference on the part of the House upon the disagreeing votes on the amendments to the bill (H. R. No 290) to change the times for holding the district courts of the United States in the western district of Virginia, and for other purposes, made the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreement of the two Houses on the bill of the House of Representatives to change the times for holding the district courts of the United States in the western district of Virginia, and for other purposes, report:

That they have agreed to recommend that the amendment of the Senate be adopted, with the following amendment:

Strike out the words "two hundred and fifty," so as to read, "That there shall be allowed to the judge of the said district the yearly compensation of two thousand dollars, instead of the compensation now fixed by law."

A. P. BUTLER,
J. M. MASON,
JOHN P. HALE,
*Committee on the part of the Senate.*

J. R. INGERSOLL,
B. B. THURSTON,
*Committee on the part of the House.*

I dissent from, and protest against the above report.

G. W. JONES.

The said report was read: when

Mr. Vinton moved that it be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. George W. Jones moved that the last vote be reconsidered, and that his motion to reconsider be laid upon the table: which was agreed to.

Mr. Vinton moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House be directed to pay to the

proprietors of the National Intelligencer, in compensation of the expense of their reporting and publishing the proceedings and debates of this body at the present session, at the rate proposed in the resolution reported on the 8th instant, from a joint select committee of the two Houses: *Provided*, That the whole amount so to be paid shall not exceed one-half of the amount appropriated to be paid to Blair & Rives, for copies of the Congressional Globe furnished by order of this House during the same period.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. George S. Houston moved that the rules be suspended: which motion was disagreed to—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Nathan K. Hall moved that the rules be suspended to enable him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House be, and he is hereby, directed to procure from the proprietor, W. Hickey, esq., and furnish to each of the members of this House, forty copies of the third edition of the Constitution and Analysis, with other statistical information, to be distributed by such members to public libraries, colleges, and other literary institutions, and to send public officers and other persons as they may deem expedient: *Provided*, That the same can be procured at the reduced price paid for the ten thousand copies last ordered for the use of the Senate.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. Boyd, it was

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that, unless he has further communication to make, this House will adjourn at 12 o'clock, m., according to a joint resolution adopted some days since.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Boyd, Mr. Vinton, and Mr. Collamer be the said committee on the part of the House.

Mr. Hunt moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of War be directed to inquire and ascertain the cost of perfecting a title to suitable sites for marine hospitals at Buffalo, Oswego, Appalachicola, and at the Delaware breakwater, and that he report the same, with plans and estimates for such hospitals, at the next session of Congress.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Howell Cobb moved that members have leave to return to the Clerk papers from committees informally, *without* either bills or reports accompanying them: which was agreed to.

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of permitting reports from committees, to which there may

be no objection, to be made: which motion was disagreed to—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. T. Butler King moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to introduce the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Clerk of this House to remove the desks from this hall during the adjournment of Congress, the seats to remain as they are, unless it shall be ascertained that they may, with perfect convenience to the members, be placed closer together. He shall also cause a tribune, one step above the floor, to be erected in front of his desk, with a table in front, on which he shall constantly keep writing materials. He shall also cause two desks, one on each side of the tribune, to be erected, for the accommodation of the reporters of the Intelligencer and the Union.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Lincoln moved that the rules be suspended to enable him to submit a report upon the subject of the extra compensation heretofore paid to Lewis Cass and Zachary Taylor.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended for that purpose?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof. { Yeas..... 76 / Nays..... 76 }

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
E. Carrington Cabell
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Elisha Embree
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
David Fisher
Thomas S. Flournoy
Daniel Gott
Mr. Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Artemas Hale
Nathan K. Hall
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
James McDowell
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Charles S. Morehead
William Nelson
William A. Newell
Mr. David Outlaw
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Henry Bedinger
Ausburn Birdsall
Mr. Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Mr. Lynn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown

Mr. Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Charles W. Cathcart
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Samson W. Harris
Thomas J. Henley
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Samuel W. Inge

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
Thomas W. Ligon
Robert McClelland
John A. McClernand
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck

Mr. George Petrie
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Ephraim K. Smart
Robert Smith
Frederick P. Stanton
George A. Starkweather
Charles E. Stuart
William Strong
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
John Wentworth
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley
Joseph A. Woodward.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Dickins, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have concurred in the resolution of the House of this day suspending the 17th joint rule of the two Houses.

Mr. John L. Robinson, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 201. An act to establish the territorial government of Oregon.

H. R. No. 556. An act for the relief of William Pittman.

H. R. No. 599. An act to establish certain post routes.

Mr. John A. Rockwell, by leave, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate (No. 309) entitled "An act for the relief of Ward & Smith," reported the same with an amendment.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said bill: when

The said amendment was disagreed to, and the bill was ordered to be read a third time to-day; and

The bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in the said bill.

Mr. Ashmun moved that the vote on agreeing to the resolution, this day, for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President, be reconsidered: which was agreed to, and

The question recurred on agreeing to the said resolution.

And, being put,

It was decided in the negative.

Mr. T. Butler King moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to present the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Clerk of this House to cause a tribune, one step above the floor, to be erected in front of his desk, with a table in front, on which he shall constantly keep writing materials. He shall also cause two desks, one on each side of the tribune, to be erected, for the accommodation of the reporters of the Intelligencer and the Union.

And the question being put, Shall the rules be suspended?

It was decided in the negative—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

On motion of Mr. McClelland, it was

*Ordered*, That the message of the President of the United States, of the 11th instant, in answer to the resolution of the House of the 17th of July last, as to what amount of public moneys had been paid to Lewis Cass and Zachary Taylor, with the documents accompanying the same; and doc. No. 112 of the 3d session, 25th Congress, relative to a statement of the accounts of Lewis Cass; No. 244, of the same session and Congress, as to allowances to superintendents of Indian affairs; No. 6, of the 3d session, 27th Congress, relative to extra pay to army officers; and No. 18, 1st session, 28th Congress, relative to extra allowances to officers of the army, be printed for the use of the members of this House.

Mr. Strohm moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling him to submit a report from the Committee on Public Expenditures: which was disagreed to—two-thirds not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills and a resolution of the following titles:

No. 618. An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th June, 1849.

S. 162. An act for the relief of George V. Mitchell.

S. 13. A resolution for the relief of H. B. Gaither.

S. 21. An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Robert Purkis.

S. 40. An act for the relief of Milledge Galphin, executor of the last will and testament of George Galphin, deceased.

S. 78. An act for the relief of Elizabeth Pistole, widow of Charles Pistole, deceased.

S. 79. An act for the relief of Jesse Turner.

S. 87. An act granting a pension to Abigail Garland, widow of Jacob Garland, deceased.

S. 109. An act for the relief of Purser Benjamin J. Cahoone.

S. 113. An act for the relief of Messrs. Cook, Anthony, Mahon, and others.

S. 126. An act for the relief of Anna J. Hassler.

S. 133. An act for the relief of Welcome Parmeter.

S. 134. An act for the relief of David Currier.

S. 142. An act for the relief of Benjamin Adams and Company and others.

S. 145. An act granting a pension to John Clark.

S. 153. An act for the payment of Charles Richmond.

S. 171. An act for the relief of Charles M. Gibson.

S. 172. An act for the relief of D. A. Watterston.

S. 179. An act for the relief of Mary Taylor.

S. 187. An act for the relief of David Wilkinson.

S. 190. An act for the payment of the fourth regiment of the second brigade of the third division of the Vermont militia for services at the battle of Plattsburg.

S. 256. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas J. V. Owen, deceased.

S. 291. An act to compensate R. M. Johnson for the erection of certain buildings for the use of the Choctaw academy.

On motion of Mr. Peck,

*Ordered*, That leave be given to withdraw the papers in the cases of the representatives of Abigail Hamilton and Caty Burnham.

A message from the Senate, by Mr Patton, assistant clerk:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 40. A bill for the relief of William Hogan, administrator of Michael Hogan, deceased;

H. R. No. 193. A bill for the relief of William Triplett;

H. R. No. 419. A bill in relation to military land warrants;

H. R. No. 188. A bill for the relief of Frederic Durrive;

H. R. No. 470. A bill for the relief of John P. B. Gratiot and the legal representatives of Henry Gratiot;

severally without amendment.

They have agreed to the amendment of the House to the bill of the Senate (No. 122) entitled "An act supplementary to an act to authorize the Secretary of State to liquidate certain claims therein mentioned," passed 18th April, 1814.

The Senate have concurred in the resolution of the House for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States.

They have concurred in the resolution of the House of the 25th of July last amending the joint rules of the two Houses, by adding thereto the following:

"After six days from the commencement of a subsequent session of a Congress, all bills, resolutions, or reports which originated in either House at the close of the next preceding session, remaining undetermined in either House, shall be resumed and acted on in the same manner as if an adjournment had not taken place.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Printing, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, (*the Senate concurring*,) That the joint Committee on Printing be, and they are hereby, authorized to sit during the recess of Congress, in order to carry out the intention of the joint resolution directing the manner of procuring the printing for the two Houses of Congress, approved August 3, 1846: *Provided*, That no pay be allowed for any thing beyond the actual necessary travelling expenses of said committee, in coming to and returning from the Capitol, in performance of the duties of said committee, and the usual per diem while thus engaged.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Howell Cobb raised the question of order, that the rule authorizing the Committee on Printing to report at any time, contemplated the expediting of the public printing, and that in reporting the said resolution, the committee had transcended its powers, and therefore the resolution was not in order.

The Speaker decided the resolution was in order.

From this decision Mr. Cobb appealed;

And the question being put, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 111 / Nays ..... 37

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
George Ashmun
Washington Barrow
Thomas H. Bayly
Kingsley S. Bingham
John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Richard Brodhead
Charles Brown
Aylett Buckner
Armistead Burt
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
William Collins
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John H. Crozier
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Joseph E. Edsall
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Winfield S. Featherston
Mr. Thomas S. Flournoy
Richard French
Andrew S. Fulton
Daniel Gott
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall
Moses Hampton
Hugh A. Haralson
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Elias B. Holmes
Samuel D. Hubbard
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alexander Irvin
John Jamieson
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
Orlando Kellogg
Daniel P. King
William T. Lawrence
Sidney Lawrence
Thomas W. Ligon
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Horace Mann
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
David Outlaw
Mr. John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
John Pettit
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John A. Rockwell
J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
Joseph M. Root
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepherd
Eliakim Sherrill
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
George A. Starkweather
John Strohm
William Strong
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
William Thompson
Benjamin B. Thurston
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Daniel Wallace
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White
William W. Wick
James S. Wiley.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Albert G. Brown
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
John D. Cummins
John R. J. Daniel
Rudolphus Dickinson
Orlando B. Ficklin
John Freedley
James S. Green
Mr. John H. Harmanson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
George S. Houston
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
William Kennon, jr.
Emile La Sère
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
Mr. James J. McKay
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
John S. Phelps
R. Barnwell Rhett
John L. Robinson
William Rockhill
William Sawyer
Frederick P. Stanton
Jacob Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
John Wentworth.

The question recurred on agreeing to the resolution: when Mr. Conger moved the previous question.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills:

H. R. No. 40. An act for the relief of William Hogan, administrator of Michael Hogan, deceased; and

S. 309. A bill for the relief of Ward & Smith;

and found the same truly enrolled; when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Mr. Peck, from the same committee, made a like report as to bill S. No. 162, entitled "An act for the relief of George V. Mitchell;" and

The Speaker signed the said bill.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Patton, assistant clerk:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the amendment of the House to bills of the Senate of the following titles, viz:

No. 194. An act for the relief of John Lorimer Graham, late postmaster in the city of New York.

No. 110. An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines of the brig of war Somers.

No. 161. An act for the relief of Samuel Grice.

No. 154. An act for the relief of William B. Stokes.

The Senate have passed a resolution authorizing the Committee on Printing to sit during the recess of Congress, in order to carry out the intention of the joint resolution of Congress directing the manner of procuring the printing for the two Houses of Congress; in which I am directed to ask the concurrence of the House.

And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the said resolution, reported by Mr. Conger: when

The previous question was seconded, and the main question was ordered.

Mr. Burt moved that the resolution be laid upon the table; and,

Pending the question on this motion,

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

S. No. 110. An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines of the brig of war Somers;

S. No. 194. An act for the relief of John Lorimer Graham, late postmaster in the city of New York;

S. No. 154. An act for the relief of William B. Stokes;

S. No. 161. An act for the relief of Samuel Grice;

and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Mr. Peck, from the same committee, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States a bill (S. No. 154) for the relief of William B. Stokes.

Mr. Peck, from the same committee, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, viz:

H. R. No. 276. An act for the relief of Richard Reynolds;

H. R. No. 193. An act for the relief of William Triplet;

H. R. No. 188. An act for the relief of Frederick Durrive;

H. R. No. 419. An act in relation to military land warrants; and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Mr. James G. Hampton, from the same committee, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States bills of the House of the following titles, viz:

No. 276. An act for the relief of Richard Reynolds.

No. 188. An act for the relief of Frederick Durrive.

No. 193. An act for the relief of William Triplet.

No. 419. An act in relation to military land warrants.

No. 110. An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines of the brig of war Somers.

No. 194. An act for the relief of John Lorimer Graham, late postmaster in the city of New York.

No. 161. An act for the relief of Samuel Grice.

No. 122. An act supplementary to an act to authorize the Secretary of State to liquidate certain claims therein mentioned, passed 18th April, 1814.

No. 309. An act for the relief of Ward & Smith.

No. 40. An act for the relief of William Hogan, administrator of Michael Hogan, deceased.

The question was then put, Shall the said resolution be laid on the table?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas..... 70 / Nays..... 76

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. George Ashmun
Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Henry Bedinger
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Franklin Clark
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Joseph E. Edsall
James J. Faran
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
Richard French
George Fries
Mr. James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
Samson W. Harris
Hugh L. W. Hill
Charles J. Ingersoll
Alfred Iverson
John Jamieson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Samuel Lahm
Sidney Lawrence
John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
Richard K. Meade
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Mr. Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
John G. Palfrey
Charles H. Peaslee
George Petrie
John Pettit
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
R. Barnwell Rhett
William Rockhill
Joseph M. Root
William Sawyer
Ephraim K. Smart
Frederick P. Stanton
William Strong
James Thompson
Jacob Thompson
Robert A. Thompson
William Thompson
Abraham W. Venable
Daniel Wallace
William W. Wick
Joseph A. Woodward.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Amos Abbott
Green Adams
Washington Barrow
Mr. John Blanchard
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Mr. Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart

Mr. John G. Chapman
Thomas L. Clingman
Jacob Collamer
Harmon S. Conger
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
Mason C. Darling
John Dickey
James Dixon
Richard S. Donnell
William Duer
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
George G. Dunn
George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
Nathan Evans
John W. Farrelly
Thomas S. Flournoy
Daniel Gott
Joseph Grinnell
Nathan K. Hall

Mr. Moses Hampton
Thomas J. Henley
William Henry
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Charles Hudson
Washington Hunt
Orlando Kellogg
T. Butler King
Daniel P. King
Abraham Lincoln
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
David Outlaw
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
Gideon Reynolds
John L. Robinson
Julius Rockwell

Mr. J. Dixon Roman
Robert L. Rose
David Rumsey, jr.
Daniel B. St. John
Robert C. Schenck
Augustine H. Shepperd
Eliakim Sherrill
Caleb B. Smith
Robert Smith
Truman Smith
Alexander H. Stephens
John Strohm
Frederick A. Tallmadge
John L. Taylor
Richard W. Thompson
John B. Thompson
Patrick W. Tompkins
Robert Toombs
John Van Dyke
Samuel F. Vinton
Cornelius Warren
Hugh White.

So the said resolution was not laid on the table.

The question recurred on agreeing to the resolution: when

Mr. Chapman, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill (No. 470) entitled "An act for the relief of John P. B. Gratiot and the legal representatives of Henry Gratiot;" and found the same truly enrolled: when

The Speaker signed the said bill.

The question was stated, Will the House agree to the said resolution: when

George W. Jones asked to be excused from voting thereon;

And the question being put,

It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Peck, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States a bill (No. 470) for the relief of John P. B. Gratiot and the legal representatives of Henry Gratiot.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, notifying that he had approved and signed bills of the following titles:

H. R. No. 276. An act for the relief of Richard Reynolds.

H. R. No. 556. An act for the relief of William Pittman.

H. R. No. 599. An act to establish certain post routes.

H. R. No. 618. An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending the 30th June, 1849.

H. R. No. 130. An act for the relief of B. O. Tayloe.

H. R. No. 298. An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending 30th June, 1849, and for other purposes.

H. R. No. 470. An act for relief of John P. B. Gratiot and the legal representatives of Henry Gratiot.

H. R. No. 419. An act in relation to military land warrants.

H. R. No. 193. An act for the relief of William Triplett.

H. R. No. 188. An act for the relief of Frederick Durrive.

H. R. No. 40. An act for the relief of William Hogan, administrator of Michael Hogan, deceased.

H. R. No. 294. An act making appropriations for light-houses and light-boats, buoys, &c., and providing for the erection and establishment of the same.

A message in writing was also received from the President of the United States, by J. Knox Walker, his private secretary, which he delivered to the Speaker; and the Speaker announced to the House, on opening the said message, that it had relation to the approval by the President of the United States of the bill (No. 201) entitled "An act to establish the territorial government of Oregon."

Objection being made to the reading of the said message at this time, it remained on the Speaker's table when the House was adjourned *sine die*.

The question was again stated on agreeing to the said resolution of Mr. Conger; when,

The yeas and nays having been desired by one-fifth of the members present,

Mr. Hunt moved that the vote ordering the yeas and nays be reconsidered; which motion was disagreed to.

And the question was then put, Will the House agree to the said resolution?

And the Clerk proceeded to call the names of the members;

And those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Green Adams
Washington Barrow
Henry Bedinger
Jasper E. Brady
Aylett Buckner
Chester Butler
E. Carrington Cabell
Charles W. Cathcart
John G. Chapman
Franklin Clark
Thomas L. Clingman
Robert B. Cranston
John Crowell
John Dickey
Daniel Duncan
Garnett Duncan
Mr. George N. Eckert
Thomas O. Edwards
Alexander Evans
James J. Faran
John W. Farrelly
Dudley S. Gregory
Joseph Grinnell
James G. Hampton
Moses Hampton
William T. Haskell
Thomas J. Henley
Elias B. Holmes
John W. Houston
Washington Hunt
Joseph R. Ingersoll
Mr. Alexander Irvin
Orlando Kellogg
William T. Lawrence
Abraham Lincoln
Abraham R. McIlvaine
George P. Marsh
Dudley Marvin
Joseph Mullin
William Nelson
John S. Phelps
Timothy Pillsbury
James Pollock
William B. Preston
Harvey Putnam
William A. Richardson.

And those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Archibald Atkinson
Thomas H. Bayly
Kingsley S. Bingham
Ausburn Birdsall
Thomas S. Bocock
Franklin W. Bowdon
James B. Bowlin
Linn Boyd
Richard Brodhead
Albert G. Brown
Armistead Burt
Beverly L. Clark
Howell Cobb
Williamson R. W. Cobb
William Collins
John R. J. Daniel
Mason C. Darling
Mr. Joseph E. Edsall
Winfield S. Featherston
Orlando B. Ficklin
James S. Green
Willard P. Hall
Hugh A. Haralson
John H. Harmanson
George S. Houston
Alfred Iverson
Timothy Jenkins
Andrew Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
George W. Jones
David S. Kaufman
Emile La Sère
Sidney Lawrence
Mr. John A. McClernand
James McDowell
James J. McKay
Robert M. McLane
Job Mann
John K. Miller
Jonathan D. Morris
Isaac E. Morse
Henry C. Murphy
Henry Nes
David Outlaw
Charles H. Peaslee
Lucius B. Peck
George Petrie
John Pettit
R. Barnwell Rhett—

At this point of the call of the yeas and nays, the hour of 12 o'clock, meridian, arrived; when

The Speaker directed the Clerk to suspend the call; and said—

"The hour fixed for the adjournment of the present session of Congress having arrived, I now declare that this House stands adjourned *sine die*."

And so the House, at precisely 12 o'clock, meridian, adjourned.

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### TOUCHING THE DUTY OF THE SPEAKER.

1. He shall take the chair every day precisely at the hour to which the House shall have adjourned on the preceding day; shall immediately call the members to order; and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read.—(April 7, 1789.)

2. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House by any two members—(April 7, 1789;) on which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the House.—(December 23, 1811.)

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.—(April 7, 1789.)

4. Questions shall be distinctly put in this form, to wit: "As many as are of opinion that (as the question may be) say *Ay;*" and, after the affirmative voice is expressed, "As many as are of the contrary opinion, say *No.*" If the Speaker doubt, or a division be called for, the House shall divide: those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative. If the Speaker still doubt, or a count be required, the Speaker shall name two members, one from each side, to tell the members in the affirmative and negative; which being also reported, he shall rise and state the decision to the House.—(April 7, 1789.) No division and count of the House by tellers shall be in order, but upon motion seconded by at least one-fifth of a quorum of the members.—(September 15, 1837.)

5. When any motion or proposition is made, the question, "Will the House now consider it?" shall not be put unless it is demanded by some member, or is deemed necessary by the Speaker.—(December 12, 1817.)

6. The Speaker shall examine and correct the Journal before it is read. He shall have a general direction of the hall. He shall have a right to name any member to perform the duties of the Chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.—(December 23, 1811.)

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, unless otherwise specially directed by the House, in which case they shall be appointed by ballot; and if, upon such ballot, the number required shall not be elected by a majority of the votes given, the House shall proceed to a second ballot, in which a plurality of votes shall prevail; and in case a greater number than is required to compose or complete a committee shall have an equal number of votes, the House shall proceed to a further ballot or ballots.—(January 13, 1790.)

8. The first named member of any committee shall be the chairman; and, in his absence, or being excused by the House, the next named member, and so on, as often as the case shall happen, unless the committee, by a majority of their number, elect a chairman.—(December 20, 1805.)

9. Any member may excuse himself from serving on any committee at the time of his appointment, if he is then a member of two other committees.—(April 13, 1789.)

10. It shall be the duty of a committee to meet on the call of any two of its members, if the chairman be absent, or decline to appoint such meeting.—(December 20, 1805.)

11. In all other cases of ballot than for committees, a majority of the votes given shall be necessary to an election; and where there shall not be such a majority on the first ballot, the ballots shall be repeated until a majority be obtained.—(April 7, 1789.) And in all ballotings blanks shall be rejected, and not taken into the count in the enumeration of votes, or reported by the tellers.—(September 15, 1837.)

12. In all cases of election by the House, the Speaker shall vote; in other cases he shall not vote, unless the House be equally divided, or unless his vote, if given to the minority, will make the division equal; and in case of such equal division, the question shall be lost.—(April 7, 1789.)

13. In all cases where other than members of the House may be eligible to an office by the election of the House, there shall be a previous nomination.—(April 7, 1789 )

14. In all cases of an election by the House of its officers, the vote shall be taken *viva voce* —(December 10, 1839.)

15. All acts, addresses, and joint resolutions, shall be signed by the Speaker; and all writs, warrants, and subpœnas, issued by order of the House, shall be under his hand and seal, attested by the Clerk.—(November 13, 1794.)

16. In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the galleries or lobby, the Speaker (or Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House) shall have power to order the same to be cleared.—(March 14, 1794.)

17. No person except members of the Senate, their Secretary, Heads of Departments, Treasurer, Comptrollers, Register, Auditors, Postmaster General, President's Secretary, Chaplains to Congress, Judges of the United States, Foreign Ministers and their Secretaries, officers who, by name, have received, or shall hereafter receive, the thanks of Congress for their gallantry and good conduct displayed in the service of their country, the Commissioners of the Navy Board, Governor for the time being of any State or Territory in the Union, such gentlemen as have been Heads of Departments or members of either branch of the National Legislature, and, at the discretion of the Speaker, persons who belong to such Legislatures of *foreign* Governments as are in *amity* with the United States, shall be admitted within the Hall of the House of Reprepresentatives.

18. Stenographers, wishing to take down the debates, may be admitted by the Speaker, who shall assign such places to them, on the floor or elsewhere, to effect their object, as shall not interfere with the convenience of the House.—(January 7, 1802; modified to present form, December 23, 1811.)

19. No person shall be allowed the privilege of the hall, under the character of stenographer, without a written permission from the Speaker, specifying the part of the hall assigned to him; and no reporter or stenographer shall be admitted under the rules of the House, unless such reporter or stenographer shall state, in writing, for what paper or papers he is employed to report.—(March 1, 1838.)

20. The Doorkeeper shall execute strictly the 17th and 18th rules, relative to the privilege of the hall.—(March 1, 1838.)

21. The Clerk of the House shall take an oath for the true and faithful discharge of the duties of his office, to the best of his knowledge and abilities.—(April 13, 1789; and act June 1st, 1789.) He shall be deemed to continue in office until another be appointed.—(March 1, 1791.)

### ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE SESSION.

22. After six days from the commencement of a second or subsequent session of any Congress, all bills, resolutions, and reports, which originated in the House, and at the close of the next preceding session remained undetermined, shall be resumed and acted on in the same manner as if an adjournment had not taken place.—(March 17, 1818.)

### ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE DAY.

23. As soon as the Journal is read, the Speaker shall call for petitions from the members of each State and delegates from each Territory, beginning with Maine—(December 23, 1811,) and the Territory of Wisconsin, alternately—(September 15, 1837;) and if, on any day, the whole of the States and Territories shall not be called, the Speaker shall begin on the next day where he left off the previous day—(December 23, 1811;) provided that, after the first thirty days of the session, petitions shall not be received, except on the first day of the meeting of the House in each week.—(March 13, 1822.)

24. Petitions, memorials, and other papers addressed to the House, shall be presented by the Speaker, or by a member in his place; a brief statement of the contents thereof shall be made verbally by the introducer; they shall not be debated on the day of their being presented; nor on any day assigned by the House for the receipt of petitions after the first thirty days of the session, unless where the House shall direct otherwise, but shall lie on the table, to be taken up in the order in which they were presented.—(September 14, 1837.) Members having petitions and memorials to present may hand them to the Clerk, endorsing the same with their names, and the reference or disposition to be made thereof; and such petitions and memorials shall be entered on the Journal, subject to the control and direction of the Speaker; and if any petition or memorial be so handed in, which, in the judgment of the Speaker, is excluded by the rules, the same shall be returned to the member from whom it was received.—(March 29, 1842.)

25. The petitions having been presented and disposed of, reports from committees shall be called for and disposed of—(December 23, 1811;) in doing which, the Speaker shall call upon

each standing committee, in the order they are named in the 76th and 104th rules; and when all the standing committees have been called on, then it shall be the duty of the Speaker to call for reports from select committees; if the Speaker shall not get through the call upon the committees before the House passes to other business, he shall resume the next call where he left off.—(September 15, 1837.) Resolutions shall then be called for in the same order, and disposed of by the same rules, which apply to petitions: provided that no member shall offer more than one resolution, or one series of resolutions, all relating to the same subject, until all the States and Territories shall have been called.—(January 14, 1829.)

26. All the States and Territories shall be called for resolutions on each alternate Monday during each session of Congress; and, if necessary to secure this object on said days, all resolutions which shall give rise to debate shall lie over for discussion, under the rules of the House already established; and the whole of said days shall be appropriated to resolutions, until all the States and Territories are called through.—(February 6, 1838.)

27. After one hour shall been devoted to reports from committees and resolutions, it shall be in order, pending the consideration or discussion thereof, to entertain a motion that the House do now proceed to dispose of the business on the Speaker's table, and to the orders of the day—(January 5, 1832;) which being decided in the affirmative, the Speaker shall dispose of the business on his table in the following order, viz:—(September 14, 1837.)

1st. Messages and other executive communications.—(September 14, 1837.)

2d. Messages from the Senate and amendments proposed by the Senate to bills of the House.—(September 14, 1837.)

3d. Bills and resolutions from the Senate on their first and second reading, that they be referred to committees and put under way; but if, on being read a second time, no motion be made to commit, they are to be ordered to their third reading unless objection be made; in which case, if not otherwise ordered by a majority of the House, they are to be laid on the table in the general file of bills on the Speaker's table, to be taken up in their turn.—(September 14, 1837.)

4th. Engrossed bills and bills from the Senate on their third reading.—(September 14, 1837.)

5th. Bills of the House and from the Senate, on the Speaker's table, on their engrossment, or on being ordered to a third reading, to be taken up and considered in the order of time in which they passed to a second reading.

The messages, communications, and bills on his table, having been disposed of, the Speaker shall then proceed to call the orders of the day.—(September 14, 1837.)

28. The business specified in the 26th and 27th rules shall be done at no other part of the day, except by permission of the House.—(December 23, 1811.)

### LOCAL OR PRIVATE BUSINESS.

29. Friday and Saturday in every week shall be set apart for the consideration of private bills and private business, in preference to any other, unless otherwise determined by a majority of the House.—(January 22, 1810, and January 26, 1826.)

30. On the first and fourth Friday of each month, the calendar of private bills shall be called over, (the chairman of the Committee of the Whole House commencing the call where he left off the previous day,) and the bills to the passage of which no objection shall then be made, shall be first considered and disposed of.—(January 25, 1839.)

### OF DECORUM AND DEBATE.

31. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to "Mr. Speaker;"—(April 7, 1789;) and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality.—(December 23, 1811.)

32. Members may address the House or committee from the Clerk's desk, or from a place near the Speaker's chair.

33. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the Speaker shall name the member who is first to speak.—(April 7, 1789.)

34. No member shall occupy more than one hour in debate on any question in the House, or in committee; but a member reporting the measure under consideration from a committee may open and close the debate: provided, that where debate is closed by order of the House, any member shall be allowed, in committee, five minutes to explain any amendment he may offer.—(December 18, 1847.)

35. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may call to order; in which case, the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the House shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate: if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; *if otherwise, he shall not be permitted to proceed, in case any member object, without leave of the House*; and, if the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the House.—(April 7, 1789, and March 13, 1822.)

36. If a member be called to order for words spoken in debate, the person calling him to order shall repeat the words excepted to, and they shall be taken down in writing at the Clerk's table ; and no member shall be held to answer, or be subject to the censure of the House, for words spoken in debate, if any other member has spoken, or other business has intervened, after the words spoken, and before exception to them shall have been taken.—(September 14, 1837.)

37. No member shall speak more than once to the same question, without leave of the House, (April 7, 1789,) unless he be the mover, proposer, or introducer of the matter pending ; in which case, he shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.—(January 14, 1840.)

38. If a question depending be lost by adjournment of the House, and revived on the succeeding day, no member, who shall have spoken on the preceding day, shall be permitted again to speak without leave.—(April 7, 1789.)

39. While the Speaker is putting any question, or addressing the House, none shall walk out of or across the House ; nor, in such case, or when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse ; nor while a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the chair.—(April 7, 1789.) Every member shall remain uncovered during the session of the House.—(September 14, 1837.) No member or other person shall visit or remain by the Clerk's table while the ayes and noes are calling, or ballots are counting.—(September 14, 1837.)

40. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, or in any case where he was not within the bar of the House when the question was put.—(April 7, 1789.) And when any member shall ask leave to vote, the Speaker shall propound to him the question—"*Were you within the bar when your name was called?*"—(September 14, 1837.)

41. Upon a division and count of the House on any question, no member without the bar shall be counted.—(November 13, 1794.)

42. Every member, who shall be in the House when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the House, for special reason, shall excuse him.—(April 7, 1789.) All motions to excuse a member from voting shall be made before the House divides, or before the call of the yeas and nays is commenced ; and the question shall then be taken without further debate.—(September 14, 1837.)

43. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Speaker ; or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Clerk, before debated.—(April 7, 1789.)

44. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker or any member desire it.—(April 7, 1789.) Every *written* motion made to the House shall be inserted on the Journals, with the name of the member making it, unless it be withdrawn on the same day on which it was submitted.—(March 26, 1806.)

45. After a motion is stated by the Speaker, or read by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the House, but may be withdrawn at any time before a decision or amendment.—(April 7, 1789.)

46. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or amend, to postpone indefinitely ; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged ;—(March 13, 1822 ;) and no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall be again allowed on the same day, and at the same stage of the bill or proposition.

47. When a resolution shall be offered, or a motion made, to refer any subject, and different committees shall be proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order:

The Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; the Committee of the Whole House; a Standing Committee; a Select Committee.—(March 13, 1822.)

48. A motion to adjourn, and a motion to fix the day to which the House shall adjourn, shall be always in order—(April 7, 1789, and January 14, 1840;) these motions, and the motion to lie on the table, shall be decided without debate.—(November 13, 1794; March 13, 1822.)

49. The hour at which every motion to adjourn is made shall be entered on the journal.—(October 9, 1837.)

50. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?"—April 7, 1789. It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present;—(February 24, 1812;) and its effects shall be to put an end to all debate, and bring the House to a direct vote upon a motion to commit, if such motion shall have been made; and if this motion does not prevail, then (August 5, 1848,) upon amendments reported by a committee, if any; then upon pending amendments; and then upon the main question.—(January 14, 1840.) On a motion for the previous question, and prior to the seconding of the same, a call of the House shall be in order ; but, after a majority shall have seconded such motion, no call shall be in order prior to a decision of the main question.—(September 14, 1837.)

51. On a previous question there shall be no debate.—(December 17, 1805.) All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and

pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.—(September 15, 1837.)

52. When a question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session.—(December 17, 1805.)

53. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be divided if it comprehend propositions in substance so distinct that, one being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain for the decision of the House.—(September 15, 1837.) A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible;—(December 23, 1811;) but a motion to strike out being lost, shall preclude neither amendment nor a motion to strike out and insert.—(March 13, 1822.)

54. Motions and reports may be committed at the pleasure of the House —(April 7, 1789.)

55. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.—(March 13, 1822.) No bill or resolution shall, at any time, be amended by annexing thereto, or incorporating therewith, any other bill or resolution pending before the House.—(September 15, 1837.)

56. When a motion has been once made, and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof, (January 7, 1802,) on the same or the succeeding day, (December 23, 1811;) and such motion shall take precedence of all other questions, except a motion to adjourn, (May 6, 1828;) and shall not be withdrawn after the said succeeding day without the consent of the House; and thereafter member may call it up for consideration.—(March 2, 1848.)

57. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the House.—(November 13, 1794.)

58. The unfinished business in which the House was engaged at the last preceding adjournment shall have the preference in the orders of the day; and no motion on any other business shall be received, without special leave of the House, until the former is disposed of.—(November 13, 1794.)

59. Every order, resolution, or vote, to which the concurrence of the Senate shall be necessary, shall be read to the House, and laid on the table, on a day preceding that in which the same shall be moved, unless the House shall otherwise expressly allow.—(April 7, 1789.)

60. The name of the member who presents a petition or memorial, or who offers a resolution to the consideration of the House, shall be inserted on the Journals.—(March 22, 1806.)

61. A proposition requesting information from the President of the United States, or directing it to be furnished by the head of either of the Executive Departments, or by the Postmaster General, (December 13, 1820,) or to print an extra number of any document or other matter, excepting messages of the President to both Houses at the commencement of each session of Congress, and the reports and documents connected with or referred to in it, shall lie on the table one day for consideration, unless otherwise ordered by the unanimous consent of the House—(December 13, 1820;) and all such propositions shall be taken up for consideration in the order they were presented, immediately after reports are called for from select committees; and, when adopted, the Clerk shall cause the same to be delivered.—(January 22, 1822.)

62. Upon calls of the House, or in taking the yeas and nays on any question, the names of the members shall be called alphabetically.—(April 7, 1789 )

63. Upon the call of the House, the names of the members shall be called over by the Clerk, and the absentees noted ; after which, the names of the absentees shall again be called over : the doors shall then be shut, and those for whom no excuse or insufficient excuses are made, may, by order of those present, if fifteen in number, be taken into custody as they appear, or may be sent for and taken into custody wherever to be found, by special messengers to be appointed for that purpose.—(November 13, 1789, and December 14, 1795.)

64. When a member shall be discharged from custody, and admitted to his seat, the House shall determine whether such discharge shall be with or without paying fees ; and, in like manner, whether a delinquent member, taken into custody by special messenger, shall or shall not be liable to defray the expense of such special messenger.—(November 13, 1794.)

65. Any fifteen members (including the Speaker, if there be one) shall be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members.—(April 7, 1789.)

66. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he have leave, or be sick, or unable to attend.—(April 13, 1789.)

67. A Sergeant-at-arms shall be appointed, to hold his office during the pleasure of the House, whose duty it shall be to attend the House during its sittings; to execute the commands of the House from time to time ; together with all such processes, issued by authority thereof, as shall be directed to him by the Speaker.—(April 14, 1789 )

68. The symbol of his office (the mace) shall be borne by the Sergeant-at-arms when in the execution of his office.—(April 14, 1789.)

69. The fees of the Sergeant-at-arms shall be, for every arrest, the sum of two dollars ; for each day's custody and releasement, one dollar ; and for travelling expenses for himself or a special messenger, going and returning, one-tenth of a dollar per mile.—(April 14, 1789.)

70. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-arms to keep the accounts for pay and mileage of members, to prepare checks, and, if required to do so, to draw the money on such checks for the members, (the same being previously signed by the Speaker, and endorsed by the member,) and pay over the same to the member entitled thereto.—(April 4, 1838.)

71. The Sergeant-at-arms shall give bond, with surety, to the United States, in a sum not less than five nor more than ten thousand dollars, at the discretion of the Speaker, and with such surety as the Speaker may approve, faithfully to account for the money coming into his hands for the pay of members.—(April 4, 1838.)

72. The Sergeant-at-arms shall be sworn to keep the secrets of the House.—(December 23, 1811.)

73. A doorkeeper shall be appointed for the service of the House.—(April 2, 1789.)

74. The doorkeeper shall be sworn to keep the secrets of the House.—(December 23, 1811.)

75. The postmaster, to superintend the post office kept in the capitol for the accommodation of the members, shall be appointed by the House.—(April 4, 1838.)

76. Twenty-eight standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each session, viz:

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| A Committee of Elections, (November 13, 1789.) | To consist of 9 members each. |
| A Committee of Ways and Means, (January 7, 1802.) | |
| A Committee of Claims, (November 13, 1794.) | |
| A Committee on Commerce, (December 14, 1795.) | |
| A Committee on the Public Lands.—(December 17, 1805.) | |
| A Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, November 9, 1808.) | |
| A Committee on the District of Columbia, (January 27, 1808.) | |
| A Committee on the Judiciary, (June 3, 1813.) | |
| A Committee on Revolutionary Claims, (December 22, 1813.) | |
| A Committee on Public Expenditures, (February 26, 1814.) | |
| A Committee on Private Land Claims, (April 29, 1816.) | |
| A Committee on Manufactures, (December 8, 1819.) | |
| A Committee on Agriculture, (May 3, 1820.) | |
| A Committee on Indian Affairs, (December 17, 1821.) | |
| A Committee on Military Affairs, (March 13, 1822.) | |
| A Committee on the Militia, (December 10, 1835.) | |
| A Committee on Naval Affairs, (March 13, 1822.) | |
| A Committee on Foreign Affairs, (March 13, 1822.) | |
| A Committee on the Territories, (December 13, 1825.) | |
| A Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, (December 9, 1825.) | |
| A Committee on Invalid Pensions. (January 10, 1831.) | |
| A Committee on Roads and Canals, (December 15, 1831.) | |
| A Committee on Patents, (September 15, 1837.) | To consist of 5 members each. |
| A Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, (September 15, 1837.) | |
| A Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, (December 14, 1795.) | |
| A Committee of Accounts, (November 7, 1804.) | |
| A Committee on Mileage, (September 15, 1837.) | |
| A Committee on Engraving, to consist of three members, (March 16, 1844.) | |

77. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Elections to examine and report upon the certificates of election, or other credentials, of the members returned to serve in this House; and to take into their consideration all such petitions and other matters touching elections and returns as shall or may be presented or come into question, and be referred to them by the House.—(November 13, 1789; November 13, 1794.)

78. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Ways and Means to take into consideration all such reports of the Treasury Department, and all such propositions relative to the revenue, as may be referred to them by the House; to inquire into the state of the public debt or the revenue, and of the expenditure; and to report, from time to time, their opinion thereon; [to examine into the state of the several public departments, and particularly into the laws making appropriations of moneys, and to report whether the moneys have been disbursed conformably with such laws; and also to report, from time to time, such provisions and arrangements as may be necessary to add to the economy of the departments, and the accountability of their officers.]—(January 7, 1802.)

In preparing bills of appropriations for other objects, the Committee of Ways and Means shall not include appropriations for carrying into effect treaties made by the United States; and where an appropriation bill shall be referred to them, for their consideration, which contains appropriations for carrying a treaty into effect, and for other objects, they shall propose such amendments as shall prevent appropriations for carrying a treaty into effect being included in the same bill with appropriations for other objects.—(January 30, 1819.)

79. It shall also be the duty of the Committee of Ways and Means, within thirty days after their appointment, at every session of Congress commencing on the first Monday of December, to report the general appropriation bills—for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government; for the army; for the navy; and for the Indian department and Indian annuities—or, in failure thereof, the reasons of such failure.—(September 14, 1837.)

80. General appropriation bills shall be in order in preference to any other bills of a public nature, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the House.—(September 14, 1837.)

81. No appropriation shall be reported in such general appropriation bills, or be in order as an amendment thereto, for any expenditure not previously authorized by law—(September 14, 1837,) unless in continuation of appropriations for such public works and objects as are already in progress, and for the contingencies for carrying on the several departments of the government.—(March 13, 1838.)

82. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Claims to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things touching claims and demands on the United States as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions for relief therein as to them as shall seem expedient.—(November 13, 1794.)

83. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Commerce to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things touching the commerce of the United States as shall be presented, or shall or may come into question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report, from time to time, their opinion thereon.—(December 14, 1795.)

84. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Public Lands to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things respecting the lands of the United States as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereon, together with such propositions for relief therein as to them shall seem expedient.—(December 17, 1805.)

85. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things touching the post office and post roads as shall be presented, or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions relative thereto as to them shall seem expedient.—(November 9, 1808.)

86. It shall be the duty of the Committee for the District of Columbia to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things touching the said district as shall be presented, or shall come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereon, together with such propositions relative thereto as to them shall seem expedient.—(January 27, 1808.)

87. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Judiciary to take into consideration such petitions and matters or things touching judicial proceedings as shall be presented, or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions relative thereto as to them shall seem expedient.—(June 3, 1813.)

88. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things touching claims and demands originating in the revolutionary war, or arising therefrom, as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions for relief therein as to them shall seem expedient.—(December 22, 1813.)

89. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Public Expenditures to examine into the state of the several public departments, and particularly into laws making appropriations of money, and to report whether the moneys have been disbursed conformably with such laws; and also to report, from time to time, such provisions and arrangements as may be necessary to add to the economy of the departments, and the accountability of their officers.—(February 26, 1814.)

90. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Private Land Claims to take into consideration all claims to land which may be referred to them, or shall or may come in question; and to report their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions for relief therein as to them shall seem expedient.—(April 29, 1816.)

91. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Military Affairs to take into consideration all subjects relating to the military establishment and public defence which may be referred to them by the House, and to report their opinion thereupon; and also to report, from time to time, such measures as may contribute to economy and accountability in the said establishment.—(March 13, 1822.)

92. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Militia to take into consideration and report on all subjects connected with the organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia of the United States.—(December 10, 1835.)

93. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Naval Affairs to take into consideration all matters which concern the naval establishment, and which shall be referred to them by the House, and to report their opinion thereupon; and also to report, from time to time, such measures as may contribute to economy and accountability in the said establishment.—(March 13, 1822.)

94. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Affairs to take into consideration all matters which concern the relations of the United States with foreign nations, and which shall be referred to them by the House, and to report their opinion on the same.—(March 13, 1822.)

95. It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Territories to examine into the legislative, civil, and criminal proceedings of the Territories, and to devise and report to the House such means as, in their opinion, may be necessary to secure the rights and privileges of residents and non-residents.—(December 13, 1825.)

96. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions to take into consideration all such matters respecting pensions for services in the revolutionary war, other than invalid pensions, as shall be referred to them by the House.—(January 10, 1831 )

97. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Invalid Pensions to take into consideration all such matters respecting invalid pensions as shall be referred to them by the House.—(January 10, 1831.)

98. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Roads and Canals to take into consideration all such petitions and matters or things relating to roads and canals, and the improvement of the navigation of rivers, as shall be presented, or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House; and to report thereupon, together with such propositions relative thereto, as to them shall seem expedient.—(December 15, 1831 )

99. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Patents to consider all subjects relating to patents which may be referred to them, and report their opinion thereon, together with such propositions relative thereto as may seem to them expedient —(September 15, 1837.)

100. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to consider all subjects relating to the public edifices and grounds within the city of Washington, which may be referred to them; and report their opinion thereon, together with such propositions relating thereto as may seem to them expedient.—(September 15, 1837.)

101. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business to examine and report what laws have expired, or are near expiring, and require to be revived or further continued; also, to examine and report, from the Journal of last session, all such matters as were then depending and undetermined.—(December 14, 1795.)

102. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Accounts to superintend and control the expenditures of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives.—(December 17, 1805;) also, to audit and settle all accounts which may be charged thereon; and, also, to audit the accounts of the members for their travel to and from the seat of government, and their attendance in the House.—(December 23, 1811.)

103. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Mileage to ascertain and report the distance to the Sergeant-at-arms, for which each member shall receive pay.—(September 15, 1837.)

104. There shall be appointed a standing committee of this House, to consist of three members, to be called the Committee on Engraving; to whom shall be referred by the Clerk all drawings, maps, charts, or other papers, which may at any time come before the House for engraving, lithographing, or publishing in any way; which committee shall report to the House whether the same ought, in their opinion, to be published; and if the House order the publication of the same, that said committee shall direct the size and manner of execution of all such maps, charts, drawings, or other papers, and contract, by agreement in writing, for all such engraving, lithographing, printing, drawing, and coloring, as may be ordered by the House; which agreement, in writing, shall be furnished by said committee to the Committee of Accounts, to govern said committee in all allowances for such works; and it shall be in order for said committee to report at all times.—(March 16, 1844.)

105. Six additional standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the first session in each Congress, whose duties shall continue until the first session of the ensuing Congress.—(March 30, 1816.)

1. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Department of State;
2. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Treasury Department;
3. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Department of War;
4. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Department of the Navy;
5. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Post Office; and
6. A committee on so much of the public accounts and expenditures as relate to the Public Buildings;

To consist of five members each.

106. It shall be the duty of the said committees to examine into the state of the accounts and expenditures respectively submitted to them, and to inquire and report particularly—

Whether the expenditures of the respective departments are justified by law;

Whether the claims from time to time satisfied and discharged by the respective departments are supported by sufficient vouchers, establishing their justness both as to their character and amount;

Whether such claims have been discharged out of funds appropriated therefor, and whether all moneys have been disbursed in conformity with appropriation laws; and

Whether any, and what, provisions are necessary to be adopted, to provide more perfectly for the proper application of the public moneys, and to secure the government from demands unjust in their character, or extravagant in their amount.

And it shall be, moreover, the duty of the said committees to report, from time to time, whether any, and what, retrenchment can be made in the expenditures of the several departments, without detriment to the public service; whether any, and what, abuses at any time exist in the failure to enforce the payment of moneys which may be due to the United States from public defaulters or others; and to report, from time to time, such provisions and arrangements as may be necessary to add to the economy of the several departments and the accountability of their officers.—(March 30, 1816.)

It shall be the duty of the several Committees on Public Expenditures to inquire whether any offices belonging to the branches or departments, respectively, concerning whose expenditures it is their duty to inquire, have become useless or unnecessary; and to report, from time to time, on the expediency of modifying or abolishing the same: also, to examine into the pay and emoluments of all offices under the laws of the United States; and to report, from time to time, such a reduction or increase thereof as a just economy and the public service may require.—(February 19, 1817.)

107. The several standing committees of the House shall have leave to report by bill or otherwise.—(March 13, 1822.)

108. No committee shall sit during the sitting of the House, without special leave.—(November 13, 1794.)

109. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make, and cause to be printed, and delivered to each member at the commencement of every session of Congress, a list of the reports which it is the duty of any officer or department of the government to make to Congress—referring to the act or resolution, and page of the volume of the laws or Journal in which it may be contained—and placing under the name of each officer the list of reports required of him to be made, and the time when the report may be expected.—(March 13, 1832.)

110. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the House, at the end of each session, to send a printed copy of the Journals thereof to the Executive, and to each branch of the Legislature of every State.—(November 13, 1794.)

111. All questions of order shall be noted by the Clerk, with the decision, and put together at the end of the Journal of every session.—(December 23, 1811.)

112. Whenever confidential communications are received from the President of the United States, the House shall be cleared of all persons, except the members, Clerk, Sergeant-at-arms, and Doorkeeper, and so continue during the reading of such communications, and (unless otherwise directed by the House) during all debates and proceedings to be had thereon. And when the Speaker, or any other member, shall inform the House that he has communications to make, which he conceives ought to be kept secret, the House shall in like manner, be cleared, till the communication be made; the House shall then determine whether the matter communicated requires secrecy or not, and take order accordingly.—(February 17, 1792, and December 30, 1793.)

113. All questions relating to the priority of business to be acted on, shall be decided without debate.—(February 21, 1803.)

### OF BILLS.

114. Every bill shall be introduced on the report of a committee, or by motion for leave. In the latter case, at least one day's notice shall be given of the motion in the House, or by filing a memorandum thereof with the Clerk, and having it entered on the Journal, and the motion shall be made, and the bill introduced, if leave is given, when resolutions are called for; such motion, or the bill when introduced, may be committed.—(April 7, 1789, September 15, 1837, and March 2, 1848.)

115. Every bill shall receive three several readings in the House previous to its passage; and bills shall be despatched in order as they were introduced, unless where the House shall direct otherwise; but no bill shall be twice read on the same day, without special order of the House.—(April 7, 1789.)

116. The first reading of a bill shall be for information, and, if opposition be made to it, the question shall be, "Shall this bill be rejected?" If no opposition be made, or if the question to reject be negatived, the bill shall go to its second reading without a question.—(April 7, 1789.)

117. Upon the second reading of a bill, the Speaker shall state it as ready for commitment or engrossment; and, if committed, then a question shall be, whether to a select or standing committee, or to a Committee of the Whole House; if to a Committee of the Whole House, the House shall determine on what day—(November 13, 1794;) if no motion be made to commit, the question shall be stated on its engrossment; and if it be not ordered to be engrossed on the day of its being reported, it shall be placed in the general file on the Speaker's table, to be taken up in its order.—(September 14, 1837.) But, if the bill be ordered to be engrossed, the House shall appoint the day when it shall be read the third time.—(November 13, 1794.)

118. Not more than three bills, originating in the House, shall be committed to the same Committee of the Whole; and such bills shall be analogous in their nature, which analogy shall be determined by the Speaker.—(December 29, 1817.)

119. A motion to strike out the enacting words of a bill shall have precedence of a motion to amend; and, if carried, shall be considered equivalent to its rejection.—(March 13, 1822.)

120. After commitment and report thereof to the House, or at any time before its passage, a bill may be recommitted.—(April 7, 1789.)

121. All bills ordered to be engrossed shall be executed in a fair round hand.—(April 7, 1789.)

122. No amendment by way of *rider* shall be received to any bill on its third reading.—(April 8, 1814.)

123. When a bill shall pass, it shall be certified by the Clerk, noting the day of its passage at the foot thereof.—(April 7, 1789.)

### OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE HOUSE.

124. It shall be a standing order of the day, throughout the session, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.—(April 7, 1789.)

125. In forming a Committee of the Whole House, the Speaker shall leave his chair, and a chairman, to preside in committee, shall be appointed by the Speaker.—(April 7, 1789.)

126. Whenever the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, or the Committee of the Whole House, finds itself without a quorum, the chairman shall cause the roll of the House to be called, and thereupon the committee shall rise, and the chairman shall report the names of the absentees to the House, which shall be entered on the Journal.—(December 18, 1847.)

127. Upon bills committed to a Committee of the Whole House, the bill shall be first read throughout by the Clerk, and then again read and debated by clauses, leaving the preamble to be last considered; the body of the bill shall not be defaced or interlined; but all amendments, noting the page and line, shall be duly entered by the Clerk on a separate paper, as the same shall be agreed to by the committee, and so reported to the House. After report, the bill shall again be subject to be debated and amended by clauses, before a question to engross it be taken.—(April 7, 1789.)

128. All amendments made to an original motion in committee shall be incorporated with the motion, and so reported.—(April 7, 1789.)

129. All amendments made to a report committed to a Committee of the Whole House shall be noted, and reported, as in the case of bills.—(April 7, 1789.)

130. All questions, whether in Committee or in the House, shall be propounded in the order in which they were moved, except that, in filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put.—(April 7, 1789.)

131. No motion or proposition for a tax or charge upon the people shall be discussed the day in which it is made or offered; and every such proposition shall receive its first discussion in a Committee of the Whole House.—(November 13, 1794.)

132. No sum or quantum of tax or duty, voted by a Committee of the Whole House, shall be increased in the House until the motion or proposition for such increase shall be first discussed and voted in a Committee of the Whole House; and so in respect to the time of its continuance.—(November 13, 1794.)

133. All proceedings touching appropriations of money shall be first discussed in a Committee of the Whole House—(November 13, 1794.)

134. The rules of proceedings in the House shall be observed in a Committee of the Whole House, so far as they may be applicable, except the rule limiting the times of speaking—(April 7, 1789;) but no member shall speak twice to any question, until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.—(December 17, 1805.)

135. In Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, the bills shall be taken up, and disposed of in their order on the calendar; but, when objection is made to the consideration of a bill, a majority of the committee shall decide, without debate, whether it shall be taken up and disposed of or laid aside: provided, that general appropriation bills, and, in time of war, bills for raising men or money, and bills concerning a treaty of peace, shall be preferred to all other bills, at the discretion of the committee; and, when demanded by any member, the question shall first be put in regard to them.—(July 27, 1848.)

136. No standing rule or order of the House shall be rescinded or changed without one day's notice being given of the motion therefor—(November 13, 1794;) nor shall any rule be suspended, except by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present—(March 13, 1822;) nor shall the order of business, as established by the rules, be postponed or changed, except by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present—(April 26, 1828.) The House may, at any time, by a vote of a majority of the members present, suspend the rules and orders for the purpose of going into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and also for providing for the discharge of the Committee of the Whole House and the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, (January 25, 1848,) from

the further consideration of any bill referred to it, after acting without debate on all amendments pending, and that may be offered.—(March 11, 1844.)

137. Except during the last ten days of the session, the Speaker shall not entertain a motion to suspend the rules of the House at any time, except on Monday of every week: provided nothing herein contained shall be construed to alter so much of the 136th rule as provided as follows: "The House may, at any time, by a vote of a majority of the members present, suspend the rules and orders for the purpose of going into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, also, for providing for the discharge of the committee from the further consideration of any bill referred to it, after acting without debate on all amendments pending, and that may be offered."—(December 18, 1847.)

138. It shall be in order for the Committee on Enrolled bills to report at any time.—(March 13, 1822.)

139. The rules of Parliamentary Practice, comprised in Jefferson's Manual, shall govern the House in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Standing Rules and Orders of the House, and the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives—(September 15, 1837.)

140. No person shall be permitted to perform divine service in the chamber occupied by the House of Representatives, unless with the consent of the Speaker.—(May 19, 1804.)

141. The rule for paying witnesses summoned to appear before this House, or either of its committees, shall be as follows: For each day a witness shall attend, the sum of two dollars; for each mile he shall travel in coming to or going from the place of examination, the sum of ten cents each way; but nothing shall be paid for travelling home when the witness has been summoned at the place of trial.—(June 5, 1832.)

142. The Clerk shall, within thirty days after the close of each session of Congress, cause to be completed the printing and primary distribution, to members and delegates, of the Journal of the House, together with an accurate index to the same.—(June 18, 1832.)

143. There shall be retained in the library of the Clerk's office, for the use of the members there, and not to be withdrawn therefrom, two copies of all the books and printed documents deposited in the library.—(December 22, 1826.)

144. The Clerk shall have preserved for each member of the House an extra copy, in good binding, of all the documents printed by order of either House at each future session of Congress.—(February 9, 1831.)

145. The Clerk shall make a weekly statement of the resolutions and bills (Senate bills inclusive) upon the Speaker's table, accompanied with a brief reference to the orders and proceedings of the House upon each, and the date of such orders and proceedings; which statement shall be printed for the use of the members.—(April 21, 1836.)

146. The Clerk shall cause an index to be prepared to the acts passed at every session of Congress, and to be printed and bound with the acts.—(July 4, 1832.)

147. The unappropriated rooms in that part of the Capitol assigned to the House shall be subject to the order and disposal of the Speaker, until the further order of the House.—(May 26, 1824.)

148. Maps accompanying documents shall not be printed, under the general order to print, without the special direction of the House.—(March 2, 1837; September 11, 1837.)

149. No committee shall be permitted to employ a clerk at the public expense, without first obtaining leave of the House for that purpose.—(December 14, 1838.)

150. No extra compensation shall be allowed to any officer or messenger, page, laborer, or other person in the service of the House, or engaged in or about the public grounds or buildings: and no person shall be an officer of the House, or continue in its employment, who shall be an agent for the prosecution of any claim against the government, or be interested in such claim otherwise than an original claimant; and it shall be the duty of the Committee of Accounts to inquire into and report to the House any violation of this rule.—March 8, 1842.)

151. Upon the engrossment of any bill making appropriations of money for works of internal improvement of any kind or description, it shall be in the power of any member to call for a division of the question, so as to take a separate vote of the House upon each item of improvement or appropriation contained in said bill, or upon such items separately, and others collectively, as the member making the call may specify; and if one-fifth of the members present second said call, it shall be the duty of the Speaker to make such divisions of the question, and put them to vote accordingly.—(February 26, 1846.)

152. The following resolution was passed by the House of Representatives, January 30, 1846.—(Journal House of Representatives, 1st session, 29th Congress, page 323.)

"Whereas the Clerk of this House is by law made the responsible officer for the proper disbursement of the contingent fund, and is required to give bond for the faithful disbursement thereof: therefore,

"*Resolved*, That, from and after the passage of this resolution, all contracts, bargains, or agreements, relative to the furnishing any matter or thing, or for the performance of any labor for the House of Representatives, be made with the Clerk, or approved by him, before any allowance shall be made therefor by the Committee of Accounts."

## JOINT RULES AND ORDERS OF THE TWO HOUSES.

1. In every case of an amendment of a bill agreed to in one House, and dissented to in the other, if either House shall request a conference, and appoint a committee for that purpose, and the other House shall also appoint a committee to confer, such committees shall, at a convenient hour, to be agreed on by their chairman, meet in the conference chamber, and state to each other, verbally or in writing, as either shall choose, the reasons of their respective Houses for and against the amendment, and confer freely thereon.—(November 13, 1794.)

2. When a message shall be sent from the Senate to the House of Representatives, it shall be announced at the door of the House by the doorkeeper, and shall be respectfully communicated to the Chair by the person by whom it may be sent.—(November 13, 1794.)

3. The same ceremony shall be observed when a message shall be sent from the House of Representatives to the Senate.—(November 13, 1794.)

4. Messages shall be sent by such persons as a sense of propriety in each House may determine to be proper.—(November 13, 1794.)

5. While bills are on their passage between the two Houses, they shall be on paper, and under the signature of the Secretary or Clerk of each House, respectively.—(November 13, 1794.)

6. After a bill shall have passed both Houses, it shall be duly enrolled on parchment by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or the Secretary of the Senate, as the bill may have originated in the one or the other House, before it shall be presented to the President of the United States.—(November 13, 1794.)

7. When bills are enrolled, they shall be examined by a joint committee of two from the Senate and two from the House of Representatives, appointed as a standing committee for that purpose, who shall carefully compare the enrolment with the engrossed bills, as passed in the two Houses, and, correcting any errors that may be discovered in the enrolled bills, make their report forthwith to their respective Houses.—(November 13, 1794, and February 1, 1827.)

8. After examination and report, each bill shall be signed in the respective Houses, first by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, then by the President of the Senate.—(November 13, 1794.)

9. After a bill shall have been thus signed in each House, it shall be presented by the said committee to the President of the United States for his approbation, (it being first endorsed on the back of the roll, certifying in which House the same originated; which endorsement shall be signed by the Secretary or Clerk, as the case may be, of the House in which the same did originate,) and shall be entered on the Journal of each house. The said committee shall report the day of presentation to the President; which time shall also be carefully entered on the Journal of each House.—(November 13, 1794.)

10. All orders, resolutions, and votes, which are to be presented to the President of the United States for his approbation, shall also, in the same manner, be previously enrolled, examined, and signed; and shall be presented in the same manner, and by the same committee, as provided in the cases of bills.—(November 13, 1794.)

11. When the Senate and House of Representatives shall judge it proper to make a joint address to the President, it shall be presented to him in his audience chamber by the President of the Senate, in the presence of the Speaker and both Houses.—(November 13, 1794.)

12. When a bill or resolution which shall have passed in one House is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the House in which the same shall have passed.

13. When a bill or resolution which has been passed in one House shall be rejected in the other, it shall not be brought in during the same session without a notice of ten days, and leave of two-thirds of that House in which it shall be renewed.

14. Each House shall transmit to the other all papers on which any bill or resolution shall be founded.

15. After each House shall have adhered to their disagreement, a bill or resolution shall be lost.

16. No bill that shall have passed one House shall be sent for concurrence to the other on either of the three last days of the session.—(January 30, 1822.)

17. No bill or resolution that shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate shall be presented to the President of the United States for his approbation on the last day of the session.—(January 30, 1822.)

18. When bills which have passed one House are ordered to be printed in the other, a greater number of copies shall not be printed than may be necessary for the use of the House making the order.—(February 9, 1829.)

19. No spirituous liquors shall be offered for sale, or exhibited, within the capitol, or on the public grounds adjacent thereto.—(September 18, 1837.)

20. A committee, consisting of three members of the Senate and three members of the House of Representatives, shall be chosen by their respective Houses, which shall constitute

a Committee on Printing, which shall have power to adopt such measures as may be deemed necessary to remedy any neglect or delay on the part of the contractor to execute the work ordered by Congress, and to make a *pro rata* reduction in the compensation allowed, or to refuse the work altogether, should it be inferior to the standard; and, in all cases, the contractor and his securities shall be responsible for any increased expenditure consequent upon the non-performance of the contract. The committee shall audit and pass upon all accounts for printing; but no bill shall be acted upon for work that is not actually executed and delivered, and which they may require to be properly authenticated.—(Joint resolution, section second, of the 1st session, 29th Congress.)

21. It shall be in order for the Committee on Printing to report at any time.—(1st session, 30th Congress.)

22. After six days from the commencement of a subsequent session of a Congress, all bills, resolutions, or reports which originated in either House at the close of the next preceding session, remaining undetermined in either House, shall be resumed and acted on in the same manner as if an adjournment had not taken place.—(August 14, 1848.)

# QUESTIONS OF ORDER

## DECIDED BY THE SPEAKER

## AT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTIETH CONGRESS.

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### DECEMBER 20, 1847.—(Page 129.)

Mr. Pettit offered the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That if, in the judgment of Congress, it be necessary to improve the navigation of a river, to expedite and render secure the movements of our army, and save from delay and loss our arms and munitions of war, then Congress has the power to improve such river.

*Resolved*, If it be necessary for the preservation of the lives of our seamen, repairs, safety, or maintenance of our vessels of war, to improve a harbor or inlet, either on our Atlantic or lake coast, Congress has the power to make such appropriations.

The said resolutions were read: when

Mr. Pettit moved the previous question.

Mr. Sims moved that the said resolutions be laid upon the table.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll called for a division of the question upon the resolutions.

Objection being raised to a division of the question,

The Speaker decided that the resolutions were distinct and separate propositions, and that, under the express rule of the House, any member might call for a division of them. He thought it was not too late for such a call; and that, the resolutions being divided, the motion to lie on the table would apply to them separately.

From that decision Mr. Sims appealed.

And the question was put, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

And decided in the negative.

So the decision of the Chair was reversed, and the question was decided not to be divisible.

### JANUARY 3, 1848.—(Page 175.)

Mr. Hudson offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of requesting the President of the United States to withdraw to the east bank of the Rio Grande our armies now in Mexico, and to propose to the Mexican government, forthwith, a treaty of peace on the following basis, viz:

That we relinquish all claim to indemnity for the expenses of the war, and that the boundary between the United States and Mexico shall be established at or near the desert between the Nueces and the Rio Grande; that Mexico shall be held to pay all just claims due to our citizens at the commencement of the war; and that a convention shall be entered into by the two nations to provide for the liquidation of those claims, and the mode of payment.

The said resolution was read: when

Mr. Hudson moved the previous question, which was seconded; and the main question was ordered to be now put.

Mr. Stephens moved that the said resolution be laid upon the table.

Mr. Howell Cobb raised the following question of order: That a motion to lay upon the table was not in order after the previous question had been ordered.

The Speaker decided that the uniform practice of the House, for many years past, confirmed upon repeated appeals, left him no alternative but to pronounce the motion in order.

From this decision Mr. Cobb appealed.

And the question being put, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 91 / Nays..... 85

### JANUARY 4, 1848.—(Page 196.)

The previous question had been ordered, upon a resolution introduced by Mr. Goggin, and sundry motions made to lay it upon the table; when a question being raised whether any modification of an amendment thereto was in order at this stage of the proceedings,

The Speaker stated that he was not aware of any thing in the rules and orders of the House which prevented a member from withdrawing or modifying his own proposition at any time before a decision or amendment. The rule to this effect was express as to the power of withdrawing, and he had always regarded the right to modify as an incident to the right to withdraw. He, therefore, decided that the proposed modification would be in order.

From this decision Mr. Toombs appealed.

And the question was stated, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House? when

Mr. Kaufman moved, at 4 o'clock and ten minutes, that the House adjourn: which motion was disagreed to.

The question was then put, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

And decided in the negative, { Yeas ..... 51 / Nays ..... 105

So the decision of the Chair was reversed, and it was decided that a modification of an amendment was not, at that time, in order.

## JANUARY 31, 1848.—(Page 326.)

Mr. Giddings offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a select committee of five members be appointed to inquire into and report to this House whether the slave trade is carried on within the District of Columbia; if so, by what legal authority it is sustained; and whether any modification of the existing acts of Congress on that subject is expedient at the present time.

The said resolution was read; when

Mr. Giddings moved the previous question.

Mr. Howell Cobb raised the question of order, that it was not in order, upon the introduction of a resolution, to move the previous question, and thereby cut off the House from its consideration, when the rule of the House expressly provided that in the event of debate, the resolution goes over.

The Speaker stated, that in conformity with the repeated decisions of his predecessors in the chair, sustained upon appeal by the House, he was bound to decide that the previous question was in order.

From this decision Mr. Cobb appealed.

And the question being put, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?"

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

## FEBRUARY 2, 1848.—(Page 343.)

Mr. Rhett, by the unanimous consent of the House, proceeded to make an explanation personal to himself; and, while so doing,

Mr. Caleb B. Smith raised the question of order, that the House, by unanimous consent, permitted the gentleman from South Carolina to make a personal explanation, and that he, abusing the courtesy of the House, is reaffirming his former positions, and supporting those positions by argument; whereas a personal explanation can alone consist in correcting a misstatement of fact, which imputes motives, or arguments, or positions to a gentleman, which, not being corrected, would be injurious to his standing as a gentleman or his character as a public man.

The Speaker said, that the gentlemen was speaking by the unanimous consent of the House, there was no question before the House; and the remarks of the gentleman could hardly be objected to on the score of irrelevancy. The gentleman from South Carolina had received permission to say whatever he might deem necessary to an explanation of his personal course; and as long as he confined himself to the general subject of the charges which had been brought against him, and avoided personalities, the Chair could perceive no ground for arresting his remarks. Permissions to make personal explanations had always been subject to abuse, and the only remedy would be, for the House to make some specific rule in regard to them. It had been uniformly decided by his predecessors, that the Chair could not undertake to decide as to what any gentleman might think necessary to a personal explanation. The Speaker, therefore, overruled the point of order.

From this decision Mr. Smith appealed.

Mr. Stephens moved that the appeal be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

FEBRUARY 14, 1848.—(Page 405.)

Mr. Kellogg offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the duty on bar, bloom, pig, and manufactured iron imported from foreign countries into this; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Bingham moved that it be laid upon the table, and called for the yeas and nays thereon; which were ordered by the House.

Mr. Kellogg moved that the order by the House of the yeas and nays be reconsidered.

Mr. Pollock raised the question of order, that it required four-fifths to reconsider an order for the yeas and nays.

The Speaker decided, that according to the precedents a majority might reconsider the order; but that the question would immediately recur on ordering the yeas and nays, when one-fifth would be sufficient for that purpose.

The motion to reconsider prevailed, but the ayes and noes were again ordered.

MARCH 9, 1848.—(Page 526.)

The House resumed the consideration of the bill (No. 297) to amend an act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11, 1847, reported by Mr. Alexander Evans on Tuesday last from the Committee on Public Lands, and which was pending on that day, when the House proceeded to other business;

The question being on the motion made by Mr. Giddings that the bill be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And, after debate, Mr. Haskell moved the previous question.

Mr. George S. Houston raised the question of order, that the bill must go to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union under the 131st rule, which is as follows:

"No motion or proposition for a tax or charge upon the people shall be discussed the day in which it is made or offered; and every such proposition shall receive its first discussion in a Committee of the Whole House."

The Speaker stated to the gentleman from Alabama and the House, that, in case this bill involved upon its face an appropriation of money, the previous question, if sustained, would bring the House to vote upon the reference to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union. The Chair did not, however, regard this as a bill which necessarily went to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union. There was hardly a bill which came before the House which did not necessarily involve some expenditure; yet, if it did not on its face contain an appropriation of money, it was not required to go to the committee. There was no rule which required that a bill which made an appropriation of the public lands should be referred, nor was there any precedent for it. The rule, moreover, required that all proceedings touching the appropriation of money, must be first discussed in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union. If this, then, was an appropriation bill, the whole discussion had been out of order. The chair, however, regarded this as a mere declaratory act, explanatory of the act of last session, giving a construction to that act contrary to the construction given to it by the Department of War. He was, therefore, of the opinion that if the previous question was sustained, it would cut off the motion to refer, and bring the House to a vote, first upon the amendment, and then upon the engrossment of the bill.

From this decision Mr. George S. Houston appealed.

Mr. Stephens moved that the appeal be laid upon the table; which motion was agreed to.

APRIL 3, 1848.—(Page 651.)

While the House was engaged in a discussion upon resolutions introduced by Mr. Cummins, tendering "our warmest sympathies to the people of France and Italy," Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll moved that a message from the President of the United States, that day received, be laid before the House.

The Speaker hearing no objection, accordingly handed the said message to the Clerk.

The Clerk was in the act of opening it, when Mr. Ashmun objected.

Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll raised the point of order that the objection came too late, the message having passed from the possession of the Speaker.

The Speaker decided that the objection was in season, the reading of the message not having been commenced, and that the message could not now be laid before the House.

From this decision Mr. Charles J. Ingersoll appealed.

And the question being put, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?"

It was decided in the affirmative, (by tellers,) { Yeas ..... 90 / Nays ..... 30

APRIL 20, 1848.—(Page 712.)

The Journal of yesterday having been read,

Mr. Palfrey stated that he rose to a question of privilege, and that common report had represented to members of this House that a lawless mob had assembled for two nights past, and committed acts of violence, setting the laws at defiance, and menacing individuals of this body and other persons residing in this city; and that he proposed to submit to the House a preamble and resolution thereon; when

Mr. Bayly raised the question of order, and inquired whether the recital of a fact, upon rumor, that a member of this House had been menaced, could make it a question of privilege?

The Speaker decided that the allegation of the gentleman from Massachusetts raised a question relating to the privilege of members, and that it would be for the House, and not for the Chair, to decide whether any breach of privilege was involved, or whether any steps were necessary for the protection of any of its members. The House might call for specifications, and if such specifications were not made, it might be sufficient ground for the House, in their own judgment, to refuse the inquiry; but it was not sufficient reason for the Chair to rule it out of order, the House alone having the power to determine a question of privilege.

The Chair therefore ruled that it was a privileged question, and that it was for the House to determine whether any steps were necessary to be taken for the protection of any of its members.

From this decision Mr. Brodhead appealed.

And, after debate,

Mr. Bayly moved that the appeal be laid upon the table.

And the question being put,

It was decided in the affirmative.

MAY 3, 1848.—(Page 757.)

On motion of Mr. Taylor, by leave, it was

*Resolved*, That the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union be discharged from the further consideration of House bill No. 81, further to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office, and that the same be put upon its passage.

The House accordingly proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; and the question was stated on ordering it to be engrossed: when

Mr. Goggin moved to amend the same, by adding thereto the following:

"And that such land warrants may be located upon any lands belonging to the United States which may, at the time of such location, be subject to private entry: when

Mr. Collamer raised the question of order: That, as the proposed amendment embraced an appropriation of land, it was in effect an appropriation of money, and must, therefore, under the rule, be first discussed in a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, further that it was not germain to the bill, but of a subject differing entirely from that under consideration.

The Speaker sustained the second objection of Mr. Collamer, and ruled the amendment out of order.

MAY 6, 1848.—(Page 775.)

Mr. John A. Rockwell moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills.

Mr. McClernand moved that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The question was stated on agreeing to the motion made by Mr. Rockwell: when

Mr. McClernand raised the point of order: That a motion that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union is entitled to precedence over a motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, for the consideration of private bills, inasmuch as there was a special order in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union still unfinished.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

From this decision Mr. McClernand appealed.

And the question being put, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

It was decided in the affirmative.

JUNE 23, 1848.—(Page 943.)

Mr. Hunt, from the Committee on Commerce, made a report upon the memorial of the Chicago convention, upon the subject of the improvement of rivers and harbors by the general government, and sundry other memorials upon the same subject; upon the message of

the President of the 15th December, 1847, returning a bill passed March 3, 1847, for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers; and upon the bill introduced by the honorable R. Barnwell Rhett in relation to tonnage duties, accompanied by the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the United States vests in Congress the power to appropriate money to open and improve harbors, and remove obstructions from navigable rivers, in all cases where such improvements are necessary to the protection and facility of commerce with foreign nations, or the commerce among the States.

*Resolved*, That the interests of our national commerce, the common defence, and general welfare of the United States, require a judicious exercise of the foregoing powers.

*Resolved*, That the reasons assigned by the President in his veto message of December 15, 1847, for his refusal to approve and sign the bill passed March 3, 1847, making appropriations for the improvement of certain harbors and rivers are deemed insufficient and unsatisfactory.

*Resolved*, That it would be inexpedient, and contrary to the principles of the Constitution, to give the general consent of Congress, in advance of legislation by the States, to the imposition of tonnage duties by the several States, as a means of improving the ports and harbors at which such duties may be levied.

*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on Commerce on the memorial of the Chicago convention, respecting harbor and river improvements, the President's message of December 15, 1847, on the same subject, and the bill referred to said committee in relation to tonnage duties, with the minority report on the same subject, be printed; and that the Committee on Printing be directed to inquire into the expediency of printing extra copies of said report.

The said resolutions were read: when

Mr. Hunt moved the previous question upon the first four of the said resolutions.

Mr. Sims raised, as a question of order, that the previous question not having been moved upon the last of the said resolutions, that resolution was open to debate; and, if any member desired to debate it, the report and resolutions must be laid over, under the rule.

The Speaker sustained the point of order; and the said report and resolution was laid over.

## JULY 6, 1848.—(Page 989.)

On motion of Mr. Hunt, the House resumed the consideration of the motion made yesterday by Mr. Turner, to *reconsider* the vote on agreeing to the first of the resolutions accompanying the report made by Mr. Hunt on the 23d of June last, from the Committee on Commerce, upon the subject of the improvement of rivers and harbors by the general government, the memorial of the Chicago convention, and upon the veto message of the President of the United States at the present session upon the bill of the *last session*, making appropriations for similar objects. (The said motion to reconsider was pending yesterday, when the House passed to other business.)

Mr. Caleb B Smith raised the question of order, that the previous question having been ordered on all of the said resolutions, the motion to reconsider the first of said resolutions, which Mr. Turner was proceeding to debate, was not, therefore, debateable.

The Speaker decided that it was now too late to raise the point of order, the same having been overruled yesterday, and the debate having proceeded under that decision.

From this decision Mr. Smith appealed.

And the question being stated, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

It was decided in the affirmative.

## JULY 18, 1848.—(Page 1059.)

The following amendment was reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to the bill of the House, No. 298, (civil and diplomatic:)

Insert between the 36th and 37th line of printed bill the following: "For the purchase of the unpublished papers of Thomas Jefferson, late President of the United States, twenty thousand dollars; and for the purchase of the manuscript papers of the late Alexander Hamilton, twenty thousand dollars."

Mr. Howell Cobb called for a division of the question upon the said amendment.

The Speaker decided that the clause having been reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, as *a whole*, it could not be divided.

From this decision Mr. Cobb appealed.

And the question being put, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?"

It was decided in the affirmative.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

JULY 19, 1848.—(Page 1079.)

Mr. Stuart, of Michigan, moved that the vote by which the House this day refused to strike out, in the bill (No. 298) making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849—the provision for removing obstructions in the Savannah river—be reconsidered.

JULY 20, 1848.—(Page 1080.)

The Speaker proceeded to decide the question of reconsideration moved last evening by Mr. Stuart. He said, "it was well known to the House that the item in the civil and diplomatic appropriation bill, which provided for the removal of obstructions in the Savannah river, had been struck out in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, and that the vote in the House upon concurring in that amendment, was reported on the record, yeas 86, nays 83. Of course the amendment was adopted, and the appropriation struck out. Yesterday, however, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Stephens) rose and stated that his vote was wrongly entered; that he voted "aye," instead of "no," and called for a correction, which was accorded to him as his right. The vote was then reported yeas 85, nays 84. A case then arose under the rule, in which it was the duty of the Speaker to settle the question; the Speaker voted in the negative, making the vote yeas 85, nays 85, whereby the amendment was rejected, and the original item, as contained in the bill reported by the Committee of Ways and Means, was retained. In the mean time, however, the bill had been ordered to be engrossed; a motion had been made to reconsider the vote ordering the engrossment, and that motion had been laid on the table. The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. Stuart) had then raised the question of reconsideration, and moved that the vote by which the House had rejected the amendment of the Committee of the Whole, upon the correction of the Journal, and by the casting vote of the Speaker, be reconsidered. A question was then made whether the motion to reconsider could be received.

The Chair now decided that, inasmuch as when the House ordered the bill to be engrossed, a provision was not in it which was afterwards put in by the casting vote of the Speaker, the House was entitled to a new vote upon the engrossment. The question then arose upon the motion to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected. Upon that question, the Chair had found but one precedent, being that to which he had last evening referred:

"December 14, 1839. Mr. Mercer, who voted in the affirmative of the question, moved that the House do reconsider the vote of yesterday on the proposition of Mr. Wise, 'That the credentials of the following named members: John B. Aycrigg, John P. B. Maxwell, William Halstead, Charles C. Stratton, and Thomas Yorke,' are sufficient to entitle them to take their seats in the House; leaving the question of contested election to be afterwards decided by the House."

"The Chairman decided, that, as the vote proposed to be reconsidered was a *tie* vote, in consequence of which the proposition was lost, he did not consider the motion in order. The rule provides that 'when a motion has been once made, and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the *majority* to move for the reconsideration thereof.' There was no majority on either side of the question; and he did not, therefore, think the rule applied to the case. No motion to reconsider a *tie-vote* would be in order on either side."

[The record further states, that an appeal being taken by Mr. Mercer, the decision of the Chair was sustained: Yeas 147, nays 64.]

The Chair would state to the House, however, that this decision was made under very peculiar circumstances, arising out of the case of the contested election from New Jersey, and while there was no regularly elected Speaker in the chair. The Chair had no hesitation in saying he differed from the decision in this case. His own opinion was, that a fair construction of the rule was that any one who voted with the *prevailing side* had the right to move a reconsideration. This he thought was the spirit of the rule.

The Chair, therefore, decided that the motion to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected could be made, but must be made by a gentleman who had voted with the prevailing side; if, therefore, the gentleman from Michigan had voted in the negative, that motion was in order.

Mr. Stuart not having voted with the majority, was precluded from moving the said reconsideration.

Thereupon,

Mr. Franklin Clark, who had voted in the negative, moved that the vote by which the provision for removal of obstructions in the Savannah river was retained in the said bill, (No. 298,) be reconsidered.

AUGUST 14, 1848.—(Page 1288.)

Mr. Conger, from the Committee on Printing, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, (the Senate concurring,) That the Joint Committee on Printing be, and they are hereby, authorized to sit during the recess of Congress, in order to carry out the intention of the joint resolution directing the manner of procuring the printing for the two Houses of Congress, approved August 3, 1846: *Provided*, That no pay be allowed for any thing beyond the actual necessary travelling expenses of said committee, in coming to and returning from the capitol, in performance of the duties of said committee, and the usual per diem while thus engaged.

The said resolution was read; when

Mr. Howell Cobb raised the question of order, that the rule authorizing the Committee on Printing to report at any time, contemplated the expediting of the public printing; and that, in reporting the said resolution, the committee had transcended its powers; and, therefore, the resolution was not in order.

The Speaker decided the resolution was in order.

From this decision Mr. Cobb appealed;

And the question being put, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

It was decided in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 111
Nays..... 37

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| 97 | A bill for the relief of certain forward warrant officers of the navy. | 267 | 491 | | | | |
| 98 | A bill for the relief of H. D. Johnson | 267 | 839, 870 | 870 | | | |
| 99 | A bill for the relief of John Manley | 268 | 490 | 491 | 1138 | 1144, 1158 | 1180 |
| 100 | A bill for the relief of Sarah Stokes, widow of John Stokes. | 268 | 490 | 491 | 1138 | 1144, 1158 | 1180 |
| 101 | A bill for the relief of Esther Russell | 268 | 490 | 491 | | | |
| 102 | A bill in addition to, and amendment of, the several acts to promote the progress of the useful arts. | 268 | | | | | |
| 103 | A bill to pay James Crutchett two thousand dollars, for lighting the Capitol and Capitol grounds. | 268 | 833, 834 | | | | |
| 104 | A bill to authorize a loan not to exceed the sum of sixteen millions of dollars. | 269 | 315, 378, 387, 392, 405, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 415, 416, 417, 419, 420, 421, 424, 426, 427, 428 | 426 | 626 | 626, 629, 633, 634 | 638 |
| 105 | A bill supplementary to an act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen, and for other purposes. | 281 | | | | | |
| 106 | A bill for the relief of the Red River Railroad Company. | 281 | 490 | 491 | 1205 | 1211, 1260 | 1262 |
| 107 | A bill making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending June 30, 1849. | 282 | 659, 660, 672, 673, 674 | 674 | 826 | 826, 852, 860, 864 | |
| 108 | A bill making appropriations for the payment of revolutionary and other pensions of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1849. | 282 | 659, 675, 676, 692, 718, 719, 753, 791, 799, 806 | 806 | 930 | 940, 952 | 961 |
| 109 | A bill for the relief of Stalker & Hill | 282 | 490 | 491 | 975 | 977, 979 | 989 |

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| 110 | A bill for the relief of Reuben Perry and Thomas P. Ligon. | 282 | 490 | 491 | | | |
| 111 | A bill for the relief of the heirs of Joseph Gerard. | 282 | 834 | 834 | | | |
| 112 | A bill making provision for the widows and children of officers and soldiers of the army of the United States who have died, or who may die, in the service or after their discharge, on account of sickness or a wound incurred while in the service. | 282 | | | | | |
| 113 | A bill for the relief of the owners of the Spanish brig Restaurador. | 282 | 833, 834 | 834 | | | |
| 114 | A bill to re-establish the collection district of Brunswick, in the State of Georgia. | 282 | 821 | 821 | 998 | 999, 1012 | 1026 |
| 115 | A bill to amend the first section of an act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels. | 283 | | | | | |
| 116 | A bill for the benefit of Benjamin White | 283 | 490 | 491 | 1138 | 1144, 1158 | 1180 |
| 117 | A bill giving the assent of the United States to an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the December session, eighteen hundred and forty-four, chapter two hundred and eighty-seven. | 284 | | | | | |
| 118 | A bill for the relief of Lewis Benedict | 284 | 833, 834 | 834 | | | |
| 119 | A bill for the relief of Anthony Bessee | 284 | 490 | 491 | | | |
| 120 | A bill for the relief of Joseph H. Perry, a Choctaw Indian, or his assignees. | 284 | 834 | 834 | 1212 | 1225, 1260 | 1262 |
| 121 | A bill for the relief of G. F. De la Roche and W. P. S. Sanger. | 285 | 490 | 491 | | | |
| 122 | A bill for the relief of Jonathan Moore, of the State of Massachusetts. | 285 | 490 | 491 | 1138 | 1144, 1158 | 1180 |
| 123 | A bill for the relief of Robert Ellis, of of the State of Michigan. | 285 | 490 | 491 | 1138 | 1144, 1158 | 1180 |
| 124 | A bill for the relief of Catharine Fulton, of Washington county, Pennsylvania. | 286 | 490 | 491 | 1138 | 1145, 1158 | 1180 |
| 125 | A bill for the relief of Zilpha White ... | 286 | 604 | 605 | | | |
| 126 | A bill for the relief of Anna Yarrington. | 286 | 833, 834 | 834 | | | |
| 127 | A bill for the relief of Hugh Riddle.... | 286 | 834 | 834 | | | |
| 128 | A bill for the relief of Thomas Badger. | 286 | 604 | 605 | | | |
| 129 | A bill for the relief of Archibald Bull and Lemuel S. Finch. | 301 | 604 | 605 | | | |
| 130 | A bill for the relief of B. O. Tayloe.... | 301 | 604 | 605 | 1260 | 1265, 1281 | 1292 |
| 131 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of David Gardner, of Southboro', Massachusetts. | 301 | 604 | 605 | | | |
| 132 | A bill for the relief of Medford Caffey | 301 | 604 | 605 | | | |
| 133 | A bill to alter the terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the northern district of New York, and for other purposes. | 310 | | | | | |
| 134 | A bill to establish an armory at Fort Massac, in the State of Illinois. | 310 | 761 | | | | |

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| 135 | A bill to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending 30th of June, 1848. | 314 | 455, 480, 485, 487, 488, 492, 514, 515, 516, 517, 520 | 520 | 596 | 525, 602, 608, 614, 616 | 620 |
| 136 | A bill making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, and for other purposes. | 314 | 592, 597, 615 | 616 | 930 | 937, 974, 990, 999, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1027, 1037, 1109, 1110, 1119, 1128 | 1136 |
| 137 | A bill granting to the State of Missouri certain lands for the improvement of the navigation of the Osage river. | 319 | | | | | |
| 138 | A bill to establish a judicial district in the western part of the State of Arkansas. | 320 | 1070 | | | | |
| 139 | A bill to amend an act confirming certain land claims in the State of Michigan. | 320 | | | | | |
| 140 | A bill for the relief of Shadrach Gillet and others. | 320 | 702 | | | | |
| 141 | A bill supplementary to an act entitled "An act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain officers and soldiers of the revolution." | 322 | | | | | |
| 142 | A bill to confirm the boundary line between Missouri and Arkansas. | 322 | 322 | 322 | 388 | 408 | 415 |
| 143 | A bill to pay to the State of Missouri two per cent. upon the proceeds of the sales of the public lands sold in said State, which have been reserved by the United States for the purpose of constructing a road to said State. | 322 | 1187 | | | | |
| 144 | A bill making an appropriation for the improvement of the Mississippi river. | 323 | | | | | |
| 145 | A bill for the preservation and repair of the harbor already begun at the city of Chicago, and State of Illinois. | 323 | | | | | |
| 146 | A bill authorizing a term of the United States circuit and district courts at Chicago, Illinois. | 323 | 629 | 629 | 762 | 767, 776 | 782 |
| 147 | A bill for the prosecution of the work upon the harbor at Michigan city, in the State of Indiana. | 324 | | | | | |
| 148 | A bill to extend the right of suffrage in the District of Columbia. | 324 | | | | | |
| 149 | A bill to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands to actual settlers, and for other purposes. | 327 | | | | | |
| 150 | A bill for the relief of the heirs of Matthew Rea, a lieutenant in the revolutionary war. | 327 | 383 | | | | |
| 151 | A bill to regulate and equalize the compensation of district attornies of the United States. | 327 | 895, 896 | | | | |

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| 152 | A bill dividing the State of Georgia into two judicial districts, and organizing and establishing an additional district court of the United States, with circuit powers and jurisdiction. | 327 | 374 | 374 | 1205 | 1211, 1260 | 1262 |
| 153 | A bill creating the office of assistant Secretary of State, and for other purposes. | 327 | | | | | |
| 154 | A bill making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1849. | 328 | 692, 718, 719. 753, 910, 911, 912 | 912 | 974 | 989, 1012, 1047, 1049, 1057 | 1094 |
| 155 | A bill making appropriations for the support of the army and of volunteers for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine. | 328 | 958, 1079 | | | | |
| 156 | A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February the eleventh, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven. | 353 | 527 | | | | |
| 157 | A bill to reduce and graduate the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators | 353 | | | | | |
| 158 | A bill regulating the appointment of clerks in the executive departments, and for other purposes. | 353 | 692, 718, 719. 753, 861, 862, 863 | 863 | | | |
| 159 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Joshua Kennedy, deceased. | 353 | 914 | 915 | | | |
| 160 | A bill for the relief of G. De Lirac... | 353 | 604 | 605 | | | |
| 161 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain George R. Shoemaker, deceased. | 353 | 833, 834 | 834 | | | |
| 162 | A bill for the relief of Charles Waldron. | 353 | 604 | 605 | | | |
| 163 | A bill for the relief of Lyon & Howard | 353 | 953 | | | | |
| 164 | A bill for the relief of Elisha F. Richards. | 354 | 833, 834 | 834 | | | |
| 165 | A bill for the relief of Jeremiah Moors | 354 | | | | | |
| 166 | A bill for the relief of Colonel Robert Wallace, aid de-camp to General William Hull. | 354 | 604 | 605 | | | |
| 167 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Nimrod Farrow, and of Richard Harris. | 354 | | | | | |
| 168 | A bill making an appropriation for improving and repairing the harbor at Buffalo. | 354 | 496, 696, 697 847, 882, 883 884 | | | | |
| 169 | A bill making an appropriation to improve the navigation of the Mississippi river. | 354 | 496, 696, 697 847, 882, 883 884 | | | | |

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| 170 | A bill making appropriations for the preservation and repairs of the public works upon certain harbors and rivers, and for the survey of certain harbors. | 354 | 496, 847, 882, 883, 884, 1186, 1206, 1209, 1248 | 1248 | | | |
| 171 | A bill providing for the repairs of certain marine hospitals. | 354 | | | | | |
| 172 | A bill for the relief of Elijah H. Willis. | 372 | 604 | 605 | 1138 | 1145, 1158 | 1180 |
| 173 | A bill to establish the collection district of Wareham, in the State of Massachusetts. | 372 | 821 | 821 | | | |
| 174 | A bill to authorize the issue of a register to the barque Wilhamet. | 372 | 372 | 372 | 388 | 403 | 415 |
| 175 | A bill to change the location of certain light-houses and buoys. | 372 | 372 | 372 | 628 | 657, 661 | 667 |
| 176 | A bill for the improvement of certain harbors in the Territory of Wisconsin. | 372 | 496, 696, 697, 847, 882, 883, 884 | | | | |
| 177 | A bill authorizing an additional number of inspectors in the district of New Orleans. | 372 | | | | | |
| 178 | A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to license yachts, and for other purposes. | 373 | 1161 | 1161 | 1163 | 1169, 1181 | 1200 |
| 179 | A bill in explanation of an act entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the public lands and to grant pre-emption rights." | 373 | 837 | 837 | 874 | 886, 893 | 892 |
| 180 | A bill to amend the act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes. | 373 | 569, 658, 665, 666, 675, 676 | 676 | 858 | 864, 865, 948, 954, 962 | 971 |
| 181 | A bill for the relief of John P. Skinner and the legal representatives of Isaac Green. | 373 | | | | | |
| 182 | A bill to amend an act entitled "An act in amendment of the acts respecting the judicial system of the United States." | 373 | 374 | 374 | 455 | 488, 520 | 525 |
| 183 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of William McKenzie, late a seaman on board the United States ship Vincennes. | 374 | 604 | 605 | 1138 | 1145, 1158 | 1180 |
| 184 | A bill amendatory of "An act entitled 'An act amendatory of the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks in the civil department of the government of the United States in the District of Columbia,'" approved March 3, 1825. | 374 | 833, 834 | 834 | | | |
| 185 | A bill for the relief of the grandchildren of Major General Baron De Kalb. | 375 | | | | | |
| 186 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Lieutenant Francis Ware. | 375 | 834, 835 | 835 | | | |
| 187 | A bill for the relief of James B. Davenport. | 375 | 604 | 605 | | | |

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| 188 | A bill for the relief of Frederick Durrive. | 375 | 604 | 605 | 1238 | 1290, 1291 | 1293 |
| 189 | A bill for the relief of Elisha Thomason. | 375 | 604 | 605 | | | |
| 190 | A bill for the relief of James B. Sexton | 375 | 604 | 605 | | | |
| 191 | A bill to confirm Elizabeth Burriss, her heirs or assigns, in their title to a tract of land. | 375 | 604 | 605 | | | |
| 192 | A bill for the relief of the heirs and widow of François Gramillion. | 375 | 604 | 605 | 1212 | 1225, 1260 | 1262 |
| 193 | A bill for the relief of William Triplett. | 376 | 604 | 605 | 1238 | 1290, 1291 | 1292 |
| 194 | A bill for the relief of Simon Rodriguez. | 376 | 604 | 605 | | | |
| 195 | A bill for the relief of Marcus Fulton Johnston. | 376 | 604 | 605 | | | |
| 196 | A bill supplemental to the act approved the 6th day of July, 1842, entitled "An act confirming certain land claims in Louisiana." | 376 | 604 | 605 | | | |
| 197 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Antonio Pacheco. | 381 | | | | | |
| 198 | A bill for the relief of Joseph Bryan... | 382 | 604 | 605 | | | |
| 199 | A bill for the relief of John W. Simonton and others. | 382 | | | | | |
| 200 | A bill for the relief of the widow and heirs at law of Silas Duncan, late commandant in the United States navy. | 382 | | | | | |
| 201 | A bill to establish the territorial government of Oregon. | 382 | 541, 599, 620, 635, 692, 841, 842, 844, 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1119, 1127, 1128, 1143, 1144, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1154, 1155 | 1155 | 1239 | 1243, 1244, 1245, 1246, 1282, 1286 | 1293 |
| 202 | A bill for the relief of William Blake. | 383 | | | | | |
| 203 | A bill for the relief of Jonathan Fitzwater. | 383 | 604 | 605 | 967 | 970, 975 | |
| 204 | A bill for the relief of Mrs. Sarah Hildreth. | 383 | 605 | 605 | | | |
| 205 | A bill for the relief of William Pool.. | 383 | 605 | 605 | | | |
| 206 | A bill for the relief of Aaron Tucker.. | 383 | 605 | 605 | | | |
| 207 | A bill for the relief of Samuel Cony... | 383 | 605 | 605 | 1205 | 1211, 1261 | 1262 |
| 208 | A bill for the relief of the heirs of William Evans. | 384 | 605 | 605 | | | |
| 209 | A bill for the relief of William P. Brady | 384 | 605 | 605 | 801 | 814, 822 | 823 |
| 210 | A bill for the relief of Harvey Jones.. | 384 | 605 | 606 | | | |
| 211 | A bill providing for the punishment of false swearing in certain cases. | 384 | | | | | |
| 212 | A bill for the relief of William S. Holland. | 385 | 605 | 605 | 1046 | 1049, 1057 | 1094 |

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| 213 | A bill for the relief of Mrs. Mary B. Renner. | 385 | 833, 834 | 834 | | | |
| 214 | A bill for the relief of Noah A. Phelps | 385 | | | | | |
| 215 | A bill for the relief of Peter Shaffer... | 385 | 868, 871, 880 1123 | 1123 | | | |
| 216 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Colonel Francis Vigo. | 385 | | | | | |
| 217 | A bill to ascertain and fix the fees taxable in favor of the attorney of the United States for Missouri, for services rendered in the circuit court of the United States for the district of Missouri. | 385 | | | | | |
| 218 | A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the better security of passengers on board of vessels propelled by steam," approved July 9, 1838. | 386 | 466 | | | | |
| 219 | A bill making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the 30th June, 1849. | 388 | 533, 660, 677, 692, 718, 719, 753, 866, 873, 879, 887, 889, 890, 891, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 935 | 935 | 1088 | 1110, 1111, 1127, 1137, 1138, 1139, 1144, 1158 | 1162 |
| 220 | A bill to create the office of surveyor of the public lands for the territory of Oregon, and to dispose of said public lands, and for other purposes. | 389 | | | | | |
| 221 | A bill to revive the act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses and other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved January 18, 1837, and the acts approved October 14, 1837, and August 23, 1842, amendatory of the same. | 389 | 528 | | | | |
| 222 | A bill for the relief of George W. Kidd. | 389 | | | | | |
| 223 | A bill to remove the land office from Upper Sandusky to Defiance, in the State of Ohio. | 424 | 701 | | | | |
| 224 | A bill granting to the Alabama, Florida, and Georgia Railroad Company the alternate sections of the public land along the route of their contemplated roads, on certain conditions. | 429 | 512, 777, 1104, 1130, 1131, 1132, | | | | |
| 225 | A bill to create the office of surveyor general of the public lands in the territory of Oregon, and to grant donation rights to settlers therein, and for other purposes. | 436 | 726 | | | | |
| 226 | A bill to establish another judicial district in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes. | 437 | | | | | |
| 227 | A bill for the relief of the volunteers engaged in the military service of the United States. | 437 | 569 | | | | |

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| 228 | A bill to cede the public lands within the limits of the new States on certain conditions therein mentioned. | 437 | | | | | |
| 229 | A bill to grant a quantity of land to the State of Illinois for the purpose of aiding in opening the navigation of the Kankakee and Iroquois rivers so as to connect with the Illinois and Michigan canal, which connects the upper lakes with the Mississippi river. | 437 | | | | | |
| 230 | A bill to increase the pension of Henry Click, of Cock county, Tennessee. | 437 | 926 | | | | |
| 231 | A bill granting the franking privilege to Louisa Catharine Adams. | 448 | 448 | 448 | 479 | 488, 520 | 525 |
| 232 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Abraham Hogeboom, deceased. | 453 | 729 | | | | |
| 233 | A bill to regulate the compensation of postmasters; to exempt certain newspapers from postage, and to reduce the postage on transient newspapers. | 453 | | | | | |
| 234 | A bill granting a quantity of land to the State of Mississippi, for the purpose of improving the navigation of certain rivers in that State. | | | | | | |
| 235 | A bill for the relief of Matthews, Wood, and Hall. | 463 | | | | | |
| 236 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of William D. Cheever, deceased. | 463 | | | | | |
| 237 | A bill for the relief of John Morgan.. | 463 | 605 | 605 | | | |
| 238 | A bill to provide for the payment of horses and other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States. | 463 | | | | | |
| 239 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of James Porterfield, deceased. | 463 | 605 | 605 | | | |
| 240 | A bill for the relief of Andrew A. Jones, an inspector of the customs of the port of New York. | 464 | | | | | |
| 241 | A bill for the relief of Casper B. Cook and others. | 464 | | | | | |
| 242 | A bill for the relief of Zachariah Laurence, of Ohio. | 464 | | | | | |
| 243 | A bill supplementary to the joint resolution "authorizing the accounting officers of the Treasury to audit and settle the accounts of William P. Zantzinger," approved June 15, 1844. | 464 | | | | | |
| 244 | A bill for the relief of Daniel Steenrod | 464 | | | | | |
| 245 | A bill for the relief of Gideon Walker | 464 | 605 | 605 | | | |
| 246 | A bill for the relief of Dr. A. G. Henry, of Illinois. | 464 | 605 | 605 | | | |
| 247 | A bill for the relief of John B. Rodgers, of South Carolina. | 464 | 605 | 605 | | | |

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| 248 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Bernard Todd, deceased | 464 | | | | | |
| 249 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Robert Fulton, deceased. | 464 | 868, 870 | 870 | | | |
| 250 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain William Smallwood Tillard. | 465 | | | | | |
| 251 | A bill for the allowance of drawback on wheat imported from the British North American provinces, when manufactured in the United States and exported to foreign countries. | 465 | 1161 | | | | |
| 252 | A bill for the relief of the owners and crews of certain vessels employed in the cod fishery. | 465 | | | | | |
| 253 | A bill to change the name of the steamboat "Charles Downing" to the Calhoun. | 465 | 465 | 465 | 957 | 396, 968 | 971 |
| 254 | A bill supplementary to an act approved July 7, 1838, entitled "An act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam." | 465 | | | | | |
| 255 | A bill to establish a collection district in the State of Georgia. | 465 | | | | | |
| 256 | A bill to legalize the transfer of bounty land warrant No. 7943. | 466 | | | | | |
| 257 | A bill to amend an act approved the 24th of May, 1824, entitled "An act supplementary to an act approved on the 3d day of March, 1819, entitled 'An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the land offices.'" | 466 | 988 | 998 | 1012 | 1019, 1047 | 1071 |
| 258 | A bill to provide for cases of lost military bounty land warrants. | 466 | | | | | |
| 259 | A bill for the relief of John Ozias.... | 466 | 868, 870 | 870 | | | |
| 260 | A bill to establish certain post routes. | 467 | 799, 803, 846, 855, 894, 895, 916, 931, 932, 933, 934, 955 | | | | |
| 260½ | A bill supplemental to the act entitled "An act concerning the Supreme Court of the United States," approved June 17, 1844. | 468 | 468, 397, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505 | 505 | .... | 719 | |
| 261 | A bill for the relief of William Fuller. | 468 | | | | | |
| 262 | A bill for the relief Mrs. Susan C. Randall. | 468 | | | | | |
| 263 | A bill for the relief of François Cazeau | 468 | | | | | |
| 264 | A bill for the relief of the heirs of Colonel David Hopkins. | 469 | | | | | |
| 265 | A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Converse, widow of Josiah Converse. | 469 | 662 | 663 | | | |
| 266 | A bill for the relief of Charles Cappell. | 469 | 469 | 469 | 1138 | 1145, 1158 | 1180 |
| 267 | A bill to regulate the pay and emoluments of the professors in the naval school and the national observatory. | 472 | | | | | |

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| 268 | A bill for the relief of Thomas Ap Catesby Jones. | 472 | | | | | |
| 269 | A bill for the relief of Andrew C. Armstrong. | 472 | | | | | |
| 270 | A bill for the relief of Captain John Percival. | 473 | 662 | 663 | | | |
| 271 | A bill repealing so much of the first section of an act entitled "An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes,'" approved June 17, 1846, as authorizes the President of the United States, when the war with Mexico shall be terminated by a definite treaty of peace, to select from the brigadier and major generals then in service the number to be retained, without regard to the date of their commissions. | 473 | | | | | |
| 272 | A bill for the relief of H. Carrington, executor of Paulina Le Grand, deceased. | 474 | 662 | 663 | | | |
| 273 | A bill for the relief of Anna Giffin, of the county of Wyoming, in the State of New York. | 474 | 869 | 870 | | | |
| 274 | A bill for the relief of William Butler | 474 | 869 | 870 | | | |
| 275 | A bill for the relief of Artemas Conant | 475 | 869 | 870 | | | |
| 276 | A bill for the relief of Richard Reynolds. | 475 | 662 | 663 | 1278 | 1290, 1291 | 1292 |
| 277 | A bill granting a pension to John Morrison. | 475 | 662 | 663 | | | |
| 278 | A bill granting a pension to Ruth Hallenback. | 475 | 869 | 870 | | | |
| 279 | A bill for the relief of Jesse Washington Jackson. | 475 | 869 | 870 | | | |
| 280 | A bill for the relief James Fugate... | 475 | 869 | 870 | | | |
| 281 | A bill for the relief of Samuel Gray... | 475 | 869 | 870 | | | |
| 282 | A bill for the relief of Lizur B. Canfield | 475 | 869 | 870 | | | |
| 283 | A bill for the relief of John Hibbert... | 475 | 869 | 870 | | | |
| 284 | A bill for the relief of Daniel H. Warren. | 475 | 869 | 870 | | | |
| 285 | A bill for the relief of John Campbell. | 475 | | | | | |
| 286 | A bill for the relief of Nathaniel Shiflett | 475 | 869 | 870 | | | |
| 287 | A bill for the relief of Lewis Hastings | 476 | 869, 871 | 871 | | | |
| 288 | A bill for the relief of Skelton Felton. | 476 | 869 | 870 | | | |
| 289 | A bill for the relief of Elisha H. Holmes | 476 | | | | | |
| 290 | A bill for changing the times for holding the district courts of the United States in the western district of Virginia, and for other purposes. | 484 | 968, 969 | 969 | 1203 | 1237, 1239 1240, 1267 1272, 1278 1283 | |
| 291 | A bill requiring all moneys receivable from customs, and from all other sources, to be paid immediately into the treasury, without abatement or deduction, and for other purposes. | 509 | 532, 533, 570 573 | 573 | | | |
| 292 | A bill to provide for the ventilation of passenger vessels, and for other purposes. | 509 | 615, 622, 660 | 661 | 804 | 804, 814, 822 | 823 |

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| 293 | A bill to increase the pay of the private soldiers engaged in the war with Mexico. | 510 | | | | | |
| 294 | A bill to remit the duties upon certain goods destroyed by fire in the city of New York. | 511 | | | | | |
| 295 | A bill for the relief of William Harding | 511 | 662 | 663 | | | |
| 296 | A bill for the relief of Emanuel Berri and John M. Keese. | 512 | 869 | 870 | | | |
| 297 | A bill to amend "An act entitled 'An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes,'" approved Feb 11, 1847. | 513 | 514, 526, 568, 569, 658, 721 757, 763, 778, 779 | 779 | | | |
| 298 | A bill making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, and for other purposes. | 523 | 692, 718, 719, 754, 928, 935, 939, 942, 950, 958, 962, 966, 970, 973, 975, 977, 978, 979, 987, 1020, 1021, 1027, 1036, 1047, 1052, 1057, 1058, 1059, 1060, 1061, 1062, 1063, 1064, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1078, 1079. 1080, 1081, 1082, 1083, 1084, 1085, 1087, 1090, 1091 | 1092 | 1174 | 1174, 1212, 1213, 1223, 1225, 1226, 1227, 1228, 1229, 1230, 1231, 1232, 1233, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1237, 1242, 1262, 1263, 1264, 1265, 1280, 1281 | 1292 |
| 299 | A bill to authorize the legislature of the State of Illinois to sell and convey the balance of the lands reserved and granted to said State for the use of the Ohio saline. | 526 | | | | | |
| 300 | A bill for the relief of John S. Conger. | 527 | 662 | 663 | | | |
| 301 | A bill authorizing postmasters at county seats of justice to receive subscriptions for newspapers and periodicals to be paid through the agency of the Post Office Department, and for other purposes. | 527 | | | | | |
| 302 | A bill providing for the obtaining of testimony in relation to claims for losses in the late Florida war. | 528 | | | | | |
| 303 | A bill to abolish the use of certain oaths at the custom-houses of the United States, and for other purposes. | 528 | | | | | |
| 304 | A bill to amend the act entitled "An act to regulate the proceedings in the circuit court of the United States, and for other purposes," passed 8th of August, 1846. | 528 | 528 | 528 | | | |

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| 305 | A bill to abolish public executions in capital cases. | 528 | | | | | |
| 306 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain Samuel Jones, deceased. | 528 | | | | | |
| 307 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Joseph Savage, deceased. | 529 | | | | | |
| 308 | A bill for the relief of George A. Barnitz, husband of Margaret Barnitz, the only surviving heir of Lieutenant Colonel David Grier, of the army of the revolution. | 529 | | | | | |
| 309 | A bill authorizing the Secretary of War to issue a duplicate of land warrant No. 1469, which originally issued in favor of Adam Hart, February 3, 1829. | 529 | 870 | 870 | | | |
| 310 | A bill for the relief of Sarah D. Caldwell, wife of James H. Brigham. | 529 | 662 | 663 | | | |
| 311 | A bill for the relief of Edna Hickman, wife of Alexander D. Peck. | 529 | 662 | 663 | 961 | 963, 968 | 971 |
| 312 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of William McFarland, deceased. | 530 | | | | | |
| 313 | A bill for the relief of John J. Young, a commander in the navy of the United States. | 531 | | | | | |
| 314 | A bill for the relief of William M. Blackford, late charge d'affaires to the republic of New Grenada. | 531 | 662 | 663 | | | |
| 315 | A bill for the relief of Francis Hutinack. | 531 | 662 | 663 | | | |
| 316 | A bill for the relief of Eliza S. Roberts | 531 | 662 | 663 | | | |
| 317 | A bill for the relief of Seth Morton.... | 532 | 662 | 663 | | | |
| 318 | A bill for the relief of Joseph Johnson | 532 | 662 | 663 | | | |
| 319 | A bill to renew the patent heretofore granted to Hamilton Lapham. | 532 | 534 | | | | |
| 320 | A bill to authorize the Commissioner of Patents to renew the patent of Cyrus H. McCormick, for his horizontal plow. | 532 | | | | | |
| 321 | A bill for the relief of Thomas B. Graham. | 533 | 870 | 870 | | | |
| 322 | A bill for the relief of Elijah Milam... | 533 | | | | | |
| 323 | A bill for the payment of a debt due to the heirs of Antoine Peltier. | 533 | | | | | |
| 324 | A bill for the relief of the heirs of Nicholas Lachance and others. | 533 | | | | | |
| 325 | A bill for the relief of Christopher H. Pix, of Texas. | 534 | 662 | 663 | | | |
| 326 | A bill concerning costs in civil suits and proceedings in the name of the United States. | 540 | | | | | |
| 327 | A bill to cede to the State of Alabama the public lands lying within the limits of said State, for purposes of education. | 556 | 1026 | | | | |
| 328 | A bill for the relief of John B. Smith and Simeon Darden. | 556 | 726, 773 | 774 | | | |

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| 329 | A bill to provide pensions for all the officers and soldiers, regular and volunteer, who have been injured and permanently disabled in the service, in the existing war with Mexico. | 556 | 744 | | | | |
| 330 | A bill to establish the rates of postage on steamboats and other water craft not in the employ of the United States. | 561 | | | | | |
| 331 | A bill for the relief of Cassius M. Clay | 561 | | | | | |
| 332 | A bill for the relief of Thomas Crown. | 562 | | | | | |
| 333 | A bill to provide for landing and storing the cargoes of vessels from foreign ports, and for other purposes. | 562 | | | | | |
| 334 | A bill to incorporate the Washington Mutual Insurance Company and Savings Institution. | 562 | | | | | |
| 335 | A bill for the relief of George R. Ward, of the city of New York. | 562 | | | | | |
| 336 | A bill for the relief of the heirs of Joshua Eddy, deceased. | 563 | | | | | |
| 337 | A bill to repeal so much of the 30th section of the act to establish the judicial courts of the United States as authorizes the taking of depositions *de bene esse*, without notification to the adverse party. | 563 | | | | | |
| 338 | A bill to incorporate the Eagle Steamboat Company. | 563 | | | | | |
| 339 | A bill to change the name of Photius Kavasales to that of Photius Fisk. | 563 | 563 | 563 | 719 | 725, 746, 748 | 757 |
| 340 | A bill to incorporate the Washington Gas Light Company. | 563 | 967 | 967 | 976 | 982, 991, 997 | 1001 |
| 341 | A bill for the relief of Joel Thacker. | 564 | 742 | 743 | | | |
| 342 | A bill for the relief of John Knight.... | 567 | 742 | 743 | | | |
| 343 | A bill for the relief of Thomas Flannagan. | 567 | 742 | 743 | | | |
| 344 | A bill to transfer the towns of Vinal Haven, North Haven, and Islesboro' from the collection district of Penobscot to that of Belfast, in the State of Maine. | 569 | 853, 944 | | | | |
| 345 | A bill for the relief Parmelia Slavin, late the wife of John Blue, deceased. | 570 | 742 | 743 | | | |
| 346 | A bill for the relief of Jonathan Slyter. | 570 | 742 | 743 | | | |
| 347 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of George W. Milam. | 570 | | | | | |
| 348 | A bill to provide for bringing home to the United States the remains of the deceased officers and soldiers of our country, who were killed in battle, or who died in Mexico during the present war. | 582 | 730 | | | | |
| 349 | A bill to grant a quantity of land to the State of Mississippi, for the purpose of improving the navigation of certain rivers in that State. | 534 | 1068 | | | | |

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| 350 | A bill supplemental to an act to confirm the survey and location of claims for lands in the State of Mississippi east of Pearl river and south of the thirty-first degree of north latitude, approved March 3, 1845. | 584 | 729, 815, 833, 835, 837 | 837 | 960 | 973, 1072, 1145, 1158 | 1180 |
| 351 | A bill for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union. | 585 | | | | | |
| 352 | A bill to change the place of holding the district court of the United States for the middle district of Alabama, and for other purposes. | 595 | 728, 960, 1071 | 1150 | 1162 | 1163, 1168 | 1200 |
| 353 | A bill to authorize the trustees of Newark college, in the State of Delaware, to import certain philosophical apparatus free of duty. | 596 | | | | | |
| 354 | A bill for the relief of Doctor Adolphus Wislizenus. | 620 | 947 | 948 | | | |
| 355 | A bill for the relief of Charles Ahrenfeldt and John F. H. Vogt. | 621 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 356 | A bill for the relief of Lawrence Daily. | 621 | | | | | |
| 357 | A bill for the relief of Isaac Shepard.. | 621 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 358 | A bill for the relief of David Shepard. | 621 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 359 | A bill for the relief of A. C. Bryan and others. | 621 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 360 | A bill for the relief of Charles R. Allen, of Richmond, Virginia. | 621 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 361 | A bill for the relief of Almedus Scott. | 621 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 362 | A bill for the relief of the widow and orphan children of Colonel William R. McKee. | 622 | | | | | |
| 363 | A bill for the relief of Captain Dan Drake Henrie. | 622 | | | | | |
| 364 | A bill for the relief of Major John P. Gaines. | 622 | | | | | |
| 365 | A bill for the relief of the widow of Elijah Bragdon, deceased. | 622 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 366 | A bill to increase the efficiency of the revenue marine. | 622 | | | | | |
| 367 | A bill appropriating money to remove the sunken rock in the harbor of New York. | 622 | 847, 882, 883, 884 | | | | |
| 368 | A bill to refund to Charles A. Kellett the tonnage duties and light money paid on the Chinese junk, "Keying." | 622 | 1026 | | | | |
| 369 | A bill to provide a custom-house at Wiscasset. | 622 | | | | | |
| 370 | A bill to attach a portion of the northwestern land district in Louisiana to the district north of Red river, Louisiana. | 624 | 743 | 743 | 876 | 892, 908 | 913 |
| 371 | A bill further to amend the judicial system of the United States. | 626 | | | | | |
| 372 | A bill to amend the act entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved 11th February, 1847. | 626 | | | | | |

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| 373 | A bill to re-enact and continue in operation certain acts for the relief of insolvent debtors of the United States. | 629 | | | | | |
| 374 | A bill to provide for the payment of claims of certain citizens of the United States against the Ottawa, Chippewa, and Pottawatomie Indians. | 629 | | | | | |
| 375 | A bill for the relief of widows and orphan children of officers and seamen of the navy of the United States. | 630 | | | | | |
| 376 | A bill for the relief of William Parker. | 631 | 947 | 948 | | | |
| 377 | A bill for the relief of William Via.... | 631 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 378 | A bill for the relief of Eliza A. Mellon. | 632 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 379 | A bill for the relief of Benjamin Reefsnyder. | 632 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 380 | A bill for the relief of Francis M. Holton. | 632 | 743 | 743 | 1221 | 1225, 1260 | 1262 |
| 381 | A bill for the relief of Israel Bayless.. | 632 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 382 | A bill for the relief of Arthur Wilson.. | 632 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 383 | A bill for the relief of Benjamin G. Perkins. | 632 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 384 | A bill for the relief of Beriah Wright. | 632 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 385 | A bill for the relief of John Savage.... | 633 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 386 | A bill for the relief of Levi Colmus... | 633 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 387 | A bill for the relief of William Paddy | 633 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 388 | A bill for the relief of Manuel X. Harmony. | 634 | 743 | | | | |
| 389 | A bill for the relief of A. Bandonin and A. D. Robert. | 634 | | | | | |
| 390 | A bill to make Ship island, in the collection district of Pearl river, a port of delivery, and to authorize the appointment of a deputy collector for said port. | 634 | 634 | 634 | 661 | 767, 773, 776 | 782 |
| 391 | A bill to release from duty plank and timber imported for the construction of plank roads. | 634 | 634 | | | | |
| 392 | A bill to give actual settlers and cultivators the benefit of limited quantities of the public lands for a nominal compensation, and to prevent speculation in the same. | 657 | | | | | |
| 393 | A bill making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending 30th June, 1849..... | 660 | 692, 718, 719, 753, 807, 808, 813 | 813 | | | |
| 394 | A bill making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1849. | 660 | 692, 718, 719, 753, 813, 814, 820, 821, 849, 850, 851, 852, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 981 | 852 | 963 | 973, 974, 979, 990, 990, 999, 1012 | 1026 |
| 395 | A bill for the relief of certain citizens of the county of Lowndes, in the State of Mississippi. | 677 | 1067 | | | | |
| 396 | A bill to establish a branch of the mint of the United States in the city of New York. | 677 | 1022 | | | | |
| 397 | A bill for the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union. | 677 | 719, 783, 787, 788, 789 | 789 | 826 | 836, 848 | 855 |

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| 398 | A bill for the relief of those pre-emption claimants upon the Miami lands in Indiana, who, by their services in the Mexican war, are entitled to bounty lands. | 684 | 684 | 684 | 1143 | 1156, 1162 | 1201 |
| 399 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Oliver Lee, deceased. | 699 | | | | | |
| 400 | A bill for the relief of John H. Baker | 700 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 401 | A bill for the relief of Joshua Barney, United States agent. | 700 | 947 | 948 | | | |
| 402 | A bill for the relief of Eleanora B. Watkins, widow of Gassaway Watkins. | 700 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 403 | A bill for the relief of Samuel A. Grier | 700 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 404 | A bill relating to the collection district of Pearl river, in the State of Mississippi. | 701 | | | | | |
| 405 | A bill to establish a collection district in the State of New York. | 701 | 821 | 821 | | | |
| 406 | A bill to authorize the citizens of Ozark county, Missouri, to enter forty acres of land for a county site in said county. | 701 | 701 | 701 | | | |
| 407 | A bill to remove the land office from Newnansville to Ocala, in the State of Florida. | 702 | | | | | |
| 408 | A bill to reserve the islands in the Detroit straits from entry, survey, or sale. | 702 | | | | | |
| 409 | A bill for the relief of James Dixon.... | 703 | | | | | |
| 410 | A bill to regulate the fees for the location of military land warrants. | 703 | | | | | |
| 411 | A bill to regulate proceedings in admiralty, and for other purposes. | 703 | | | | | |
| 412 | A bill to provide for the settlement of claims against the United States. | 725 | 1050 | | | | |
| 413 | A bill for the relief of the widow of Lieutenant Richard E. Cochran. | 725 | 743 | 743 | | | |
| 414 | A bill to refund a penalty remitted by the Secretary of the Treasury to John Hardorp. | 726 | 1160 | 1161 | 1163 | 1169, 1181 | 1200 |
| 415 | A bill for the relief of Thomas H. Leggett. | 726 | 774 | 774 | | | |
| 416 | A bill for the relief of certain clerks in the New York custom-house in the year 1841. | 726 | | | | | |
| 417 | A bill authorizing the erection of certain light-houses, and for other purposes. | 726 | | | | | |
| 418 | A bill in addition to "An act therein mentioned." | 726 | 727 | 727 | 772 | 773, 776 | 782 |
| 419 | A bill in relation to military land warrants. | 727 | 727 | 727 | 1288 | 1291, 1291 | 1292 |
| 420 | A bill for the relief of the widow and children of Captain Robert Gray, the discoverer of the Columbia river. | 727 | | | | | |

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| 421 | A bill to limit the amount of compensation to be paid for the transportation of the mail over railroads and on steamboats, in certain cases. | 727 | | | | | |
| 422 | A bill to continue, alter, and amend the charter of the city of Washington. | 727 | 795, 796, 797, 798 | 797 | .... | 815, 822 | 823 |
| 423 | A bill to repeal in part the 12th section of the act entitled "An act for the regulation of seamen on board the public and private vessels of the United States." | 727 | | | | | |
| 424 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Jett, deceased. | 728 | | | | | |
| 425 | A bill for the relief of H M. Salomon. | 728 | | | | | |
| 426 | A bill for the relief of Israel Johnson.. | 729 | | | | | |
| 427 | A bill amendatory of an act approved on the twenty-sixth day of May, eighteen hundred and twenty four, and re-enacted on the seventeenth day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-four, entitled "An act enabling claimants to lands, within the limits of the State of Missouri and territory of Arkansas, to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims." | 729 | | | | | |
| 428 | A bill to establish an arsenal of construction at Atlanta, in the State of Georgia. | 730 | | | | | |
| 429 | A bill to amend an act entitled "An act supplemental to an act entitled 'An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes.'" | 730 | 730, 731, 732, 768 | 768 | 976 | 998, 999, 1017, 1018, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1046, 1053, 1054, 1055, 1056, 1066, 1076, 1078 | 1039 |
| 430 | A bill to refund money for expenses incurred, subsistence or transportation furnished for the use of volunteers during the present war, before being mustered and received into the service of the United States. | 734 | 795 | 795 | 864 | 865, 867, 872 | 874 |
| 431 | A bill for the payment of a company of Indian volunteers called into the service of the United States. | 734 | | | | | |
| 432 | A bill prescribing the age at which candidates for the appointment of midshipmen in the navy may enter the naval school, and for other purposes. | 734 | | | | | |
| 433 | A bill to provide for a retired list in the naval service. | 735 | | | | | |
| 434 | A bill to provide for the construction of twenty sloops of war, brigs. | 735 | | | | | |
| 435 | A bill for the relief of Captain Lewis Warrington and others. | 735 | | | | | |

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| 436 | A bill for the relief of the legal owners of the ship James Mitchell. | 735 | | | | | |
| 437 | A bill for the relief of Edmund L. Du Barry. | 735 | | | | | |
| 438 | A bill for the relief of Edward Myers. | 735 | | | | | |
| 439 | A bill for the relief of Lot Davis..... | 735 | 774 | 774 | | | |
| 440 | A bill for the relief of Benjamin Cressey. | 736 | | | | | |
| 441 | A bill for the relief of William Gove.. | 736 | | | | | |
| 442 | A bill in amendment of "an act concerning naval pensions and the navy pension fund," approved June 30, 1834. | 736 | | | | | |
| 443 | A bill for the relief of Joshua Dodge.. | 736 | | | | | |
| 444 | A bill for the relief of Peter Parker and Jacob L. Martin. | 736 | | | | | |
| 445 | A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Williamson. | 737 | | | | | |
| 446 | A bill for the relief of Sarah White... | 737 | | | | | |
| 447 | A bill for the relief of Polly Aldrich... | 737 | | | | | |
| 448 | A bill granting pensions to the surviving petty officers, seamen, and marines, who, under the command of Captain Stephen Decatur, jr., captured and destroyed the frigate Philadelphia in the harbor of Tripoli, on the night of the 16th of February, 1804. | 737 | | | | | |
| 449 | A bill for the relief of John Wilson... | 744 | | | | | |
| 450 | A bill for the relief of John Whittet.. | 744 | | | | | |
| 451 | A bill for the relief of William H. Wilson. | 744 | 774 | | | | |
| 452 | A bill for the relief of Amos Bull. .... | 745 | 774 | 774 | | | |
| 453 | A bill for the relief of Amos Armstrong | 745 | | 774 | | | |
| 454 | A bill for the relief of Edward Taylor | 745 | | | | | |
| 455 | A bill for the relief of Warren Raymond. | 745 | | | | | |
| 456 | A bill for the relief of Hubert H. Booly | 745 | | | | | |
| 457 | A bill for the relief of Phillip Miller.. | 746 | | | | | |
| 458 | A bill for the relief of Maurice R. Simons. | 745 | 833, 834 | 834 | | | |
| 459 | A bill for the relief of Eliphas C. Brown | 746 | 833, 834 | 834 | | | |
| 460 | A bill for the relief of Henry N. Halsted | 746 | 833, 834 | 834 | | | |
| 461 | A bill for the relief of Robert Ramsey. | 746 | 833, 834 | 834 | | | |
| 462 | A bill for the relief of John Farnham... | 746 | 833, 834 | 834 | 1212 | 1225, 1260 | 1262 |
| 463 | A bill for the relief of Andrew Flannagan. | 746 | 833, 834 | 834 | | | |
| 464 | A bill for the relief of William Gott... | 746 | 833, 834 | 834 | | | |
| 465 | A bill for the relief of Catharine Hoffman. | 746 | 833, 834 | 834 | 1163 | 1169, 1181 | 1200 |
| 466 | A bill for the relief of John Goulding. | 746 | | | | | |
| 467 | A bill for the relief of Oliver C. Harris. | 746 | | | | | |
| 468 | A bill to set apart and sell to Asa Whitney, of New York, a portion of the public lands, to enable him to construct a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean. | 755 | 947 | | | | |

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| 469 | A bill to regulate the exchange of certain documents and other publications of Congress. | 759 | 871, 920 | 920 | 930 | 940, 952 | 961 |
| 470 | A bill for the relief of John P. B. Gratiot and the legal representatives of Henry Gratiot. | 760 | 833, 834 | 834 | 1288 | 1292 | 1292 |
| 471 | A bill to admit certain articles of the growth or production of Canada into the United States free of duty, upon the condition that the like articles of the growth or production of the United States are admitted into Canada free of duty. | 760 | 944, 1025 | 1025 | | | |
| 472 | A bill to regulate the postage on newspapers, and for other purposes. | 760 | 921, 922, 923 | 923 | | | |
| 473 | A bill for the relief of J. W. Nye, assignee of P. Bargy and H. Stewart. | 761 | | | | | |
| 474 | A bill to establish two national foundries and an armory. | 761 | 918 | | | | |
| 745 | A bill for the relief of S. B. Elliott, of the United States navy. | 761 | | | | | |
| 476 | A bill to authorize and require certain illegal entries of the public lands at the land office in Columbus, Mississippi, to be cancelled, and for other purposes. | 791 | | | | | |
| 477 | A bill for the relief of the West Feliciana Railroad Company. | 793 | | | | | |
| 478 | A bill for the relief of Archibald Beard and twenty-one other Tennessee mounted volunteers.—[Title amended to read, "An act for the relief of certain Tennessee volunteers."] | 800 | 833, 834 | 834 | 1143 | 1147, 1156, 1162 | 1201 |
| 479 | A bill to authorize an increase in the number of clerks in the Treasury Department. | 800 | | | | | |
| 480 | A bill for the relief of William J. Turner. | 800 | | | | | |
| 481 | A bill for the relief of William P. Yonge | 800 | | | | | |
| 482 | A bill to establish a collection district in the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes.—[Title amended to read, "An act to annex the town of Essex, in the State of Massachusetts, to the collection district of Gloucester."] | 800 | 821 | 821 | 1038 | 1090, 1160, 1163, 1168 | 1200 |
| 483 | A bill to authorize the issuing of a register to the brig Encarnacion. | 800 | 800 | 800 | 813 | 315 | 823 |
| 434 | A bill for the relief of Philip J. Fontane. | 801 | 833, 834 | 834 | | | |
| 485 | A bill making appropriations for certain marine hospitals therein named. | 801 | | | | | |
| 486 | A bill making appropriations for the improvement of certain rivers and harbors and for the survey of certain other rivers and harbors. | 801 | 882, 883, 884 | | | | |
| 487 | A bill to settle the title to certain tracts of land in the State of Arkansas. | 802 | | | | | |

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| 488 | A bill to authorize the location of certain adjudicated claims in the State of Arkansas, commonly known as "Lovely Donation claims." | 802 | | | | | |
| 489 | A bill extending to John Whitsell's heirs the privilege of purchasing a quarter section of land which was given to him by an act approved March 2, 1839. | 802 | 802 | 802 | | | |
| 490 | A bill to amend the act entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands and to grant pre-emption rights, &c.," approved September 4, 1841. | 802 | 802 | 802 | 889 | 892, 908 | 913 |
| 491 | A bill giving the consent of the government of the United States to the State of Texas to extend her eastern boundary so as to include within her limits one half of Sabine pass, Sabine lake, and Sabine river, as far north as the thirty-second degree of north latitude. | 808 | 960 | 960 | 974 | 977, 979 | 989 |
| 492 | A bill to provide a communication across the eastern branch of the river Potomac, in the District of Columbia. | 808 | | | | | |
| 493 | A bill for the relief of Levi H. Corson, and for other purposes. | 808 | 834 | 834 | | | |
| 494 | A bill to grant portions of the public lands to the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company, and for other purposes. | 809 | 1049 | | | | |
| 495 | A bill for the relief of the heirs of Lieutenant Bartlett Hinds. | 809 | 895, 896 | | | | |
| 496 | A bill for the relief of the heirs of Captain Nehemiah Stokeley, deceased. | 809 | | | | | |
| 497 | A bill for the relief of E. B. Cogswell | 809 | | | | | |
| 498 | A bill for the relief of Jesse Sutton... | 809 | | | | | |
| 499 | A bill for the relief of Mary Pike ..... | 817 | 834 | 834 | | | |
| 500 | A bill for the relief of Sarah Wood.... | 817 | 834 | 834 | | | |
| 501 | A bill for the relief of Henry Miller... | 817 | | | | | |
| 502 | A bill for the relief of Gideon A. Perry | 817 | 834 | 834 | | | |
| 503 | A bill for the relief of Fielding G. Brown. | 817 | 834 | 834 | | | |
| 504 | A bill for the relief of Joseph Taylor. | 817 | 834 | 834 | | | |
| 505 | A bill for the relief of Mary W. Thompson. | 818 | 834 | 834 | | | |
| 506 | A bill for the relief of John Haup..... | 818 | 833 | 834 | | | |
| 507 | A bill for the relief of William Tea, of Portsmouth, in Virginia. | 818 | 818 | 818 | | | |
| 508 | A bill for the relief of the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina. | 818 | 833, 834 | | | | |
| 509 | A bill to provide for applications for the renewal of patent rights in certain cases. | 818 | 818, 822, 877 | 818 | | | |
| 510 | A bill for the relief of Lowry Williams | 831 | | | | | |
| 511 | A bill to prohibit the importation of slaves into the District of Columbia, with certain exceptions. | 831 | 831, 832 | | | | |

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| 512 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Darius Garrason. | 852 | | | | | |
| 513 | A bill for the relief of Staunton W. Gaar. | 853 | | | | | |
| 514 | A bill for the relief of William Snavely, of Indiana. | 853 | | | | | |
| 515 | A bill for the relief of Henry Little and Jacob Felch. | 853 | | | | | |
| 516 | A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to sell the marine hospital and the lot of land on which it stands at Chelsea, in Massachusetts, and the purchase of a new site and the erection of a new marine hospital near the city of Boston. | 853 | | | | | |
| 517 | A bill to confirm the title to section 16 and the west half of section 12, in township No. 3 north, in range 16 east, in Seneca county, Ohio. | 853 | | | | | |
| 518 | A bill to amend an act entitled "An act for the discontinuance of the office of surveyor general in the several districts, so soon as the surveys therein can be completed, for abolishing land offices under certain circumstances, and for other purposes." | 854 | | | | | |
| 519 | A bill to provide for the settlement of conflicts between Spanish land claims and purchases under the United States, and for other purposes. | 854 | | | | | |
| 520 | A bill to grant the right of way through the public lands in Indiana and Illinois to the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company. | 854 | 855, 1161 | 1161 | | | |
| 521 | A bill declaratory of the rights of naturalized citizens of the United States, and to protect them in the peaceful exercise and enjoyment of their rights and privileges against the acts and influence of foreign governments and their diplomatic agents. | 860 | 864, 875, 876 | | | | |
| 522 | A bill to provide for the families of such commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers, privates, and musicians, whether belonging to the regular army or to any volunteer corps, as may have been killed in battle, or died from wounds received, or diseases contracted, or other casualties occasioned whilst in the service of the United States, during the war with the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes. | 860 | | | | | |
| 523 | A bill to provide for suppressing Indian hostilities in the territory of Oregon, and for other purposes. | 861 | | | | | |
| 524 | A bill prohibiting the importation of adulterated, deteriorated, and misnamed medicines. | 866 | 866 | 866 | 930 | 936, 940, 952 | 961 |

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| 525 | A bill to establish an additional land office in the State of Missouri. | 879 | | | | | |
| 526 | A bill to grant pre-emption rights for certain islands in the Great Miami river. | 889 | 945 | | | | |
| 527 | A bill for the relief of Ira T. Horton... | 893 | | | | | |
| 528 | A bill for the relief of Augustus Ford | 893 | | | | | |
| 529 | A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the navigation of certain rivers and harbors, and for the survey of certain other rivers and harbors. | 893 | | | | | |
| 530 | A bill for the relief of James G. Smith | 894 | | | | | |
| 531 | A bill for the relief of James Moorhead | 894 | | | | | |
| 532 | A bill to repeal the fifth, sixth, and seventh clauses of "An act in addition to the several acts regulating the shipment and discharge of seamen and the duties of consuls," approved July 20, 1840, and also to amend the act entitled "An act supplementary to the act concerning consuls and vice-consuls, and for the further protection of American seamen," approved 28th of February, 1803. | 894 | | | | | |
| 533 | A bill to alter and amend the act entitled "An act for the punishment of counterfeiting the current coin of the United States, and for other purposes. | 895 | | | | | |
| 534 | A bill to provide for taking the seventh census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States. | 895 | | | | | |
| 535 | A bill for revising the laws of the United States. | 895 | | | | | |
| 536 | A bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Captain Presley Thornton, deceased. | 896 | | | | | |
| 537 | A bill for the relief of the heirs of Larkin Smith. | 897 | | | | | |
| 538 | A bill to provide for the payment of seven years' half pay due to Sarah Ann Dye, who was the widow of Lieutenant Jonathan Dye, an officer of the army of the United States, and who was killed in the battle at Brandywine. | 897 | | | | | |
| 539 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of John Mandeville, deceased. | 897 | | | | | |
| 540 | A bill for the relief of Abigail Stafford | 897 | 940 | | | | |
| 541 | A bill for the relief of Robert B. Mitchell. | 897 | | | | | |
| 542 | A bill for the relief of Josiah P. Pilcher | 898 | | | | | |
| 543 | A bill to repeal the first section of an act concerning the District of Columbia, approved February 27, A. D. 1801, and for other purposes. | 920 | | | | | |

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| 544 | A bill for the relief of Eunice Crossman | 924 | | | | | |
| 545 | A bill for the relief of Polly Dameron, widow of Charles Dameron, dec'd. | 924 | | | | | |
| 546 | A bill for the relief of Elizabeth Kinney | 924 | | | | | |
| 547 | A bill for the relief of Mary G. Leverett. | 924 | | | | | |
| 548 | A bill for the relief of Mary Buck..... | 925 | | | | | |
| 549 | A bill for the relief of William Whicher | 926 | | | | | |
| 550 | A bill for the relief of Francis Tribon.. | 926 | | | | | |
| 551 | A bill for the relief of Edward Cole.... | 926 | | | | | |
| 552 | A bill for the relief of George S. Claflin | 926 | | | | | |
| 553 | A bill for the relief of Catharine Clark | 926 | 1197 | 1197 | | | |
| 554 | A bill for the relief of David Towle.... | 926 | | | | | |
| 555 | A bill for the relief of Henry Childs... | 926 | | | | | |
| 556 | A bill granting a pension to William Pittman. | 926 | 1106 | 1106 | 1273 | 1282, 1286 | 1292 |
| 557 | A bill for the relief of Isaac Downs... | 927 | | | | | |
| 558 | A bill for the relief of Joseph D. Ward | 927 | 1198 | | | | |
| 559 | A bill for the relief of Giles Loudon... | 927 | | | | | |
| 560 | A bill for the relief of Gardner Herring | 927 | | | | | |
| 561 | A bill for the relief of David Murphy.. | 927 | | | | | |
| 562 | A bill for the relief of William K. Ashard. | 928 | | | | | |
| 563 | A bill for the relief of Samuel Graves.. | 928 | | | | | |
| 564 | A bill for the payment of outstanding loan office and final settlement certificates issued for money loaned, or for services or supplies during the revolutionary war. | 942 | | | | | |
| 565 | A bill for the benefit of the legal representatives of James C. Watson, of Georgia. | 942 | | | | | |
| 566 | A bill for the relief of John F. Ohl.... | 942 | | | | | |
| 567 | A bill for the relief of Thomas L. Judge. | 942 | | | | | |
| 568 | A bill for the relief of Satterlee Clark | 942 | | | | | |
| 569 | A bill for the relief of the President and Directors of the Union Bank of Florida. | 942 | | | | | |
| 570 | A bill for the relief of Lewis H. Bates and William Lacon. | 944 | | | | | |
| 571 | A bill for the relief of William Milford | 944 | | | | | |
| 572 | A bill to authorize the issuing of a register to the schooner James. | 944 | 944 | 944 | 957 | 963, 968 | 971 |
| 573 | A bill supplemental to the act entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the public lands, and to grant preemption rights," approved September 4, 1841. | 944 | | | | | |
| 574 | A bill granting a half section of land for the use of schools within fractional township 19, south of range 18 west, county of Lowndes, State of Mississippi. | 946 | | | | | |

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| 575 | A bill further to amend the act entitled "An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department," approved March 3, 1845. | 946 | 1140 | | | | |
| 576 | A bill concerning the taking of official oaths in the District of Columbia. | 946 | 946, 957 | 946 | 961 | 963, 968 | 971 |
| 577 | A bill for giving full effect to treaties of extradition. | 947 | | | | | |
| 578 | A bill to revive and amend the act entitled "An act granting bounties in land and extra pay to certain Canadian volunteers," approved March 5, 1816. | 959 | | | | | |
| 579 | A bill to provide for the organization of an Indian territory west of the Mississippi river. | 959 | | | | | |
| 580 | A bill granting to the State of Indiana the right of way and a donation of public lands for making a railroad from New Albany to the Wabash river, opposite Mount Carmel. | 960 | | | | | |
| 581 | A bill to surrender to the State of Indiana the Cumberland road in said State. | 970 | 1198 | 1198 | 1221 | 1225, 1260 | 1262 |
| 582 | A bill to provide for the payment of the companies of Captains Bush, Price, and Suarez, for military services in Florida. | 998 | | | | | |
| 583 | A bill for the relief of Thomas H. Noble. | 1022 | | | | | |
| 584 | A bill for the relief of John Howe.... | 1022 | | | | | |
| 585 | A bill for the relief of Orange H. Dibble. | 1022 | | | | | |
| 586 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of John H. Piatt, deceased. | 1023 | | | | | |
| 587 | A bill for the relief of B. M. Bouton.. | 1023 | | | | | |
| 588 | A bill for the relief of A. H. Patterson. | 1023 | | | | | |
| 589 | A bill for the relief of Thomas Gammage. | 1024 | | | | | |
| 590 | A bill to compensate and reimburse the owners and crew of the whaling ship Chandler Price the losses and expenses in ransoming the crew of the ship Columbia. | 1024 | | | | | |
| 591 | A bill for the relief of Charles B. Clusky | 1025 | | | | | |
| 592 | A bill to annex that part of the State of Indiana bordering on Lake Michigan to the Chicago collection district. | 1026 | 1026 | 1026 | 1163 | 1181 | 1200 |
| 593 | A bill in addition to an act entitled "An act for the relief of the reserved township in Gibson county, State of Indiana." | 1027 | 1027 | 1027 | | | |

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| 594 | A bill supplementary to an act entitled "An act supplementary to an act entitled 'An act to encourage the introduction and promote the cultivation of tropical plants,'" approved July 7, 1838. | 1067 | | | | | |
| 595 | A bill to grant land to the inhabitants of townships 18 north, of ranges 1 and 2 west, of the 4th principal meridian of the State of Illinois, for school purposes | 1067 | | | | | |
| 596 | A bill to grant other land in lieu of the 16th section to the school commissioners of township 2 north, of range 9 west, of the 4th principal meridian, in the county of Adams, in the State of Illinois. | 1067 | 1067 | 1067 | | | |
| 597 | A bill to grant unto the trustees of township 38 north, of range 5 east, in the county of Elkhart, and State of Indiana, so much of the public land as may, with the fractional 16th section therein, make up an entire section. | 1067 | 1067 | 1067 | | | |
| 598 | A bill to grant the right of way through the public lands in the State of Alabama to the Girard Railroad Company in said State. | 1068 | 1068 | 1068 | | | |
| 599 | A bill to establish certain post routes | 1069 | 1069 | 1069 | 1261 | 1267, 1272, 1282, 1286 | 1292 |
| 599½ | A bill to amend the act entitled "An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States," approved April 30, 1790. | 1070 | | | | | |
| 600 | A bill providing for the purchase and distribution of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States among the several States and Territories. | 1070 | | | | | |
| 601 | A bill for the relief of Henry Gardner and others, directors of an association called the New England Mississippi Land Company. | 1071 | | | | | |
| 602 | A bill for the relief of Mrs. Mary M. Telfair, heir and legal representative of Israel Pearce. | 1072 | | | | | |
| 603 | A bill for the relief of the legal representative or representatives of Captain Charles Smith. | 1072 | | | | | |
| 604 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives or heirs of Captain John Mountjoy. | 1072 | | | | | |
| 605 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of William Armstrong, deceased, late Choctaw agent and acting superintendent. | 1073 | | | | | |

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| 606 | A bill for the creation and appointment of admirals in the navy of the United States. | 1073 | | | | | |
| 607 | A bill for the relief of Jacob Boston... | 1074 | | | | | |
| 608 | A bill to indemnify the officers and crews of vessels of war of the United States navy for losses by shipwreck, fire, and otherwise. | 1074 | | | | | |
| 609 | A bill for the relief of Eve Boggs..... | 1074 | | | | | |
| 610 | A bill for the relief of Hannah Kinney, widow of Amos Kinney. | 1074 | | | | | |
| 611 | A bill for the relief of Joseph Dana.... | 1074 | | | | | |
| 612 | A bill for the relief of certain surviving widows of officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army. | 1075 | 1075 | 1075 | 1127 | 1129, 1142 | 1136 |
| 613 | A bill for the relief of Martha Dameron, widow of Christopher Tompkins. | 1076 | | | | | |
| 614 | A bill for the relief of Susanna Prentiss | 1078 | | | | | |
| 615 | A bill for the relief of Thomas R. Saunders | 1078 | | | | | |
| 616 | A bill for the relief of Sylvanus Blodget | 1078 | | | | | |
| 617 | A bill for the relief of Aaron Stafford.. | 1078 | | | | | |
| 618 | A bill making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June 30, 1849. | 1079 | 1140, 1156, 1158, 1162, 1163, 1169, 1170, 1171, 1172, 1173 | 1173 | 1221 | 1250, 1251, 1252, 1253, 1261, 1262, 1278, 1279, 1280, 1283, 1287 | 1292 |
| 619 | A bill for the relief of Hector Perkins | 1105 | | | | | |
| 620 | A bill for the relief of Peter Myers... | 1105 | | | | | |
| 621 | A bill for the relief of Captain Alexander McEwen. | 1105 | | | | | |
| 622 | A bill for the relief of Elizabeth S. Cobbs. | 1105 | | | | | |
| 623 | A bill for the relief of Mary Ann Pollard. | 1105 | | | | | |
| 624 | A bill for the relief of Camfield Averill | 1105 | | | | | |
| 625 | A bill for the relief of the children of Z. A. Wolfley. | 1105 | | | | | |
| 626 | A bill for the relief of William Kennedy | 1105 | | | | | |
| 627 | A bill for the relief of the heirs of Daniel Pettibone. | 1106 | | | | | |
| 628 | A bill to authorize the payment of invalid pensions in certain cases. | 1120 | 1197 | | | | |
| 629 | A bill for the relief of John Gawney.. | 1120 | | | | | |
| 630 | A bill to authorize the issuing of a register to the barque Mary Teresa. | 1160 | 1160 | 1160 | 1174 | 1174, 1181 | 1200 |
| 631 | A bill to regulate the pay of certain collectors of the customs, and for other purposes. | 1160 | | | | | |
| 632 | A bill for the relief of Elliot Smith and Nathan Farnsworth | 1160 | | | | | |
| 633 | A bill for the relief of William J. Price | 1187 | | | | | |
| 634 | A bill to authorize the State of Alabama to apply certain lands heretofore granted to that State for internal improvements, for the use of schools in the valueless 16th sections in said State. | 1187 | 1187 | 1187 | 1209 | 1211, 1261 | 1262 |

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| 635 | A bill to aid the State of Louisiana in reclaiming the swamp lands therein. | 1188 | | | | | |
| 636 | A bill supplemental to the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown Steam Packet Company." | 1193 | | | | | |
| 637 | A bill for the relief of the heirs of John Jackson. | 1195 | | | | | |
| 638 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Colonel John H. Stone. | 1195 | | | | | |
| 639 | A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Colonel Willis Reddick, deceased. | 1195 | | | | | |
| 640 | A bill for the relief of the heirs of Captain Samuel Ransom, an officer of the revolutionary war, killed at the battle of Wyoming. | 1195 | | | | | |
| 641 | A bill for the relief of Moses Van Campen. | 1195 | | | | | |
| 642 | A bill for the relief of the inhabitants of the village of Carondelet, in the State of Missouri. | 1195 | | | | | |
| 643 | A bill for the relief of the Creek nation of Indians. | 1195 | | | | | |
| 644 | A bill for the relief of the representatives of John M. Baker. | 1196 | | | | | |
| 645 | A bill for the relief of Horatio Fitch.. | 1197 | | | | | |
| 646 | A bill for the relief of William Lynch | 1197 | | | | | |
| 647 | A bill making an appropriation for surveying and opening a road from the Falls of St. Croix to Lapointe, on Lake Superior. | 1199 | | | | | |
| 648 | A bill for the relief of Rebecca Freeman | 1199 | | | | | |
| 649 | A bill for the relief of Ross Winans... | 1199 | | | | | |
| 650 | A bill for the relief of William Kingsbury. | 1225 | | | | | |
| 651 | A bill for the relief of Elisha Hampton and others, of Iowa. | 1225 | | | | | |

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| Number. | Title. | Received from the Senate. | Proceedings in Committee of the Whole, and in the House. | Passed H. R. | Other proceedings. | Approved. |
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| 1 | An act for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones. | 54 | 76, 141, 142, 397, 429, 430, 431, 432 | 431 | 432 582, 592, 596 | 626 |
| 2 | An act for the relief of Joseph Wilson. | 203 | 226, 227, 267, 839, 870 | 870 | 889, 893 | 899 |
| 4 | An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make an arrangement or compromise with Mangle M. Quackenboss and his co-obligors, or any of them, for claims on bonds given by them as sureties to the United States. | 683 | 769, 770 | | | |
| 5 | An act concerning certain collection districts, and for other purposes. | 203 | 226, 227, 266, 267 | 267 | 282, 291 | 308 |
| 7 | An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the regulation of seamen on board the public and private vessels of the United States," passed the 3d of March, 1813. | 927 | 938, 939 | 938 | 940, 952 | 963 |
| 8 | An act further to carry into effect the provisions and stipulations of the 9th article of the Florida treaty, with respect to certain losses of Spanish subjects in West Florida. | 1020 | 1090 | | | |
| 11 | An act to compensate John M. Moore. | 389 | 395, 701 | | | |
| 12 | An act authorizing persons to whom reservations of land have been made, under certain Indian treaties, to alienate the same in fee. | 389 | 395, 471 | 471 | 483, 520 | 582 |
| 15 | An act to allow further time for satisfying claims for bounty lands for military services in the late war with Great Britain, and for other purposes. | 337 | 377, 466 | | | |
| 17 | An act directing the Secretary of the Navy to purchase from Dr. James P. Espy his patent right for the conical ventilator, for the use of the United States. | 913 | 937, 1074 | | | |
| 19 | An act to divide the district of Arkansas into two judicial districts. | 936 | 949, 1070 | | | |
| 20 | An act concerning testimony ..... | 936 | 949 | | | |
| 21 | An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Robert Purkis..... | 814 | 814, 852, 1275 | 1275 | 1282, 1287 | |
| 22 | An act for the relief of Mary McRea, widow of Lieutenant Colonel McRea, late of the United States army, deceased. | 433 | 489, 530, 631 | | | |
| 23 | An act for the relief of the administratrix of Elisha L. Keen, deceased. | 203 | 226, 227, 237, 489 | 490 | 523, 556 | 583 |
| 24 | An act providing for the payment of the claim of Walter R. Johnson against the United States. | 203 | 226, 227, 267, 489 | 490 | 523, 556 | 583 |
| 25 | An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Fisher, deceased | 389 | 395, 464, 465, 662 | 663 | 672, 677 | 684 |
| 26 | An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force. | 582 | 613, 692, 693, 765, 766, 772 | | | |

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| 27 | An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act to regulate the exercise of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in certain cases, and for other purposes." | 155 | 226, 227, 269, 311, 312 | 312 | 421, 424, 448 | 455 |
| 28 | An act for the relief of Thomas Rhodes | 203 | 226, 227, 284, 388 | | | |
| 29 | An act providing for the appointment of assistant pursers in the navy. | 213 | 226, 227, 285 | | | |
| 30 | An act for the relief of Commodore Foxall A. Parker, of the United States navy. | 678 | 682, 293 | | | |
| 31 | An act to provide for the purchase of the manuscript papers of the late James Madison, former President of the United States. | 168 | 226, 227, 829 | 830 | 830, 831, 850, 864 | 874 |
| 33 | An act authorizing the payment of interest upon the advances made by the State of Alabama for the use of the United States government in the suppression of the Creek Indian hostilities of 1836 and 1837 in Alabama, and for other purposes. | 794 | 804, 805, 916, 1140 | | | |
| 36 | An act to change the time of holding the terms of the circuit court of the United States in the district of Maine. | 936 | 949, 1070, 1213 | 1213 | 1225, 1260 | 1273 |
| 38 | An act to provide clothing for volunteers in the service of the United States. | 180 | 227, 266 | 266 | 282, 291 | 308 |
| 39 | An act to provide additional examiners in the Patent Office, and for other purposes. | 337 | 377, 476, 477, 478, 479, 485. | 485 | 672, 765, 776, 810, 811, 812, 822, 825, 836 | 850 |
| 40 | An act for the relief of Milledge Galphin, executor of the last will and testament of George Galphin, deceased. | 269 | 272, 468, 1275 | 1275 | 1282, 1287 | |
| 43 | An act for the relief of Jeanette C. Huntington, widow and sole executrix of William D. Cheever, dec'd. | 683 | 769, 770 | | | |
| 45 | An act for the relief of Thomas Talbot and others. | 269 | 272, 471 | | | |
| 46 | An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the barque Canton. | 180 | 227 | 227 | 232, 245 | |
| 47 | An act making an appropriation for removing obstructions in the Savannah river. | 361 | 377, 465, 847, 882, 883, 884 | | | |
| 48 | An act for the relief of Peter Capella, administrator of Andrew Capella, deceased; and for the relief of John Capo; and for the relief of Elijah Petty and Hannah, his wife, heirs of John Beardon, deceased. | 361 | 377, 469, 1071 | | | |
| 49 | An act for the relief of W. B. Slaughter, late Secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin. | 232 | 238, 285, 839, 870 | 870 | 913, 940, 952 | 963 |
| 51 | An act for the relief of Charles L. Dell | 361 | 377, 472, 869 | 871 | 889, 893 | 899 |

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| 54 | An act exempting vessels employed by the American Colonization Society, in transporting colored emigrants from the United States to the coast of Africa, from the provisions of the acts of 22d February and 2d March, 1847, regulating the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels. | 232 | 298 | 298 | 305, 334 | 343 |
| 55 | An act for the relief of Richard S. Coxe | 361 | 377, 467, 468 | | | |
| 56 | An act to provide for a survey of the mouth of Red river, in the State of Louisiana. | 961 | 972, 1024 | | | |
| 57 | An act to promote the filling up of vacancies in the volunteer corps now in the service of the United States. | 205 | 227, 381 | | | |
| 58 | An act for the issuing of patents for lands in the State of Louisiana in a certain class of cases, and for other purposes. | 961 | 972 | | | |
| 60 | An act making an additional appropriation for the dry-dock at the Brooklyn navy yard. | 213 | 227, 267, 837 | | | |
| 61 | A bill for the relief of Nathaniel Hoggatt. | 361 | 377 | | | |
| 62 | An act amending the act entitled "An act granting half pay to widows or orphans, where their husbands and fathers have died of wounds received in the military service of the United States, in cases of deceased officers and soldiers of the militia and volunteers," passed July 4, 1836. | 366 | 377, 564, 981 | 981 | 1066, 1087 | 1109 |
| 63 | An act in addition to an act for the relief of Walter Loomis and Abel Gay, approved July 2, 1836. | 366 | 377, 384, 605 | 606 | 616 | 639 |
| 64 | An act to authorize the settlement of the account of Joseph Nourse, deceased. | 308 | 314, 384, 833, 834 | 834 | 839, 880, 950, 951, 952, 960, 963, 968 | 976 |
| 65 | An act for the relief of Edward Bolon | 366 | 377, 384, 834, 835 | 835 | 859, 864 | 874 |
| 66 | An act confirming former sales by the State of Illinois, of the Ohio saline reservations, and authorizing the sale of the residue of such reservations. | 366 | 377, 378, 466 | | | |
| 67 | An act for the relief of William Marvin in confirming the title to a tract of land in Florida, granted by the Spanish government to Bernardo Segin, on the 12th day of December, 1815. | 389 | 395 | | | |
| 68 | An act authorizing the Secretary of War to surrender certain bonds of the State of Indiana, held by the United States, to the agent of said State of Indiana. | 813 | 815, 816, 1272 | | | |
| 69 | An act for the relief of Creed Taylor.. | 683 | 770, 803 | | | |

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| 71 | An act to apply certain alternate sections of the public domain toward the completion of the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal, in the State of Michigan. | 1212 | 1254, 1255, 1256 | 1256 | 1257, 1258, 1259, 1260 | |
| 72 | An act for an increase of the medical staff of the army for a limited time. | 389 | 395, 404 | | | |
| 73 | An act for the relief of Jones and Boker | 389 | 395, 467, 527, 868, 871 | 871 | 889, 893 | 899 |
| 74 | An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Jacques Moulon. | 455 | 489 | | | |
| 75 | An act for the relief of Richard Bloss and others. | 314 | 357, 468, 704, 869, 871 | 871 | 889, 893 | 899 |
| 76 | An act for the relief of Fernando Fellanny. | 455 | 489, 531, 870 | 871 | 889, 893 | 899 |
| 77 | An act for the relief of Peter Englis, senior. | 455 | 489, 531, 662 | 663 | 672, 677 | 684 |
| 78 | An act for the relief of Elizabeth Pistole, widow of Charles Pistole, deceased. | 683 | 770, 925, 1275 | 1275 | 1282, 1287 | |
| 79 | An act for the relief of Jesse Turner.. | 683 | 770, 1072, 1275 | 1276 | 1282, 1287 | |
| 81 | An act for the relief of the forward officers of the late exploring expedition. | 683 | 769, 770, 816 | | | |
| 82 | An act for the relief of John Black, late consul of the United States at the city of Mexico. | 434 | 489, 633, 743 | 743 | 777, 782 | 789 |
| 83 | An act for the relief of Joseph F. Caldwell. | 683 | 770, 803 | | | |
| 84 | An act supplemental to the act passed the 9th day of July, in the year 1846, entitled "An act to retrocede the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to the State of Virginia." | 961 | 973 | 973 | 977, 979 | 999 |
| 85 | An act to provide for the compensation of Samuel Leech for services in the investigation of suspended sales in the Mineral Point district, Wisconsin. | 308 | 311, 605 | 606 | 629, 641, 655 | 660 |
| 86 | An act for the relief of Nathaniel Kuykendall. | 683 | 770, 803 | | | |
| 87 | An act granting a pension to Abigail Garland, widow of Jacob Garland, deceased. | 683 | 770, 1074, 1275 | 1276 | 1282, 1287 | |
| 88 | An act for the relief of Thos. Brownell | 683 | 770, 816, 834, 835 | 835 | 860, 864 | 874 |
| 89 | An act to make attachments, which are made under process issuing from the courts of the United States, conform to the laws regulating such attachments in the courts of the States. | 269 | 297, 468, 469 | 469 | 487, 523, 556 | 583 |
| 91 | An act for the relief of Elizabeth Jones and the other children (if any) of John Carr. | 683 | 770, 1077 | | | |
| 92 | An act for the relief of Thompson Hutchinson. | 683 | 770, 1077 | | | |
| 94 | An act for the relief of Thomas Douglas, late United States attorney for East Florida. | 684 | 770, 896 | | | |

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| 95 | An act granting to the State of Illinois the right of way and a donation of public land for making a railroad, connecting the Upper and Lower Mississippi with the chain of northern lakes at Chicago. | 762 | 769, 770, 946, 1151, 1267, 1268, 1269, 1270, 1271, 1273, 1274 | | | |
| 97 | An act for the relief of Samuel W. Bell, a native of the Cherokee nation. | 684 | 770, 771, 809, 834, 835 | 835 | 860, 864 | 874 |
| 100 | An act to require the holders of military land warrants to compensate the land officers of the United States for services in relation to the location of those warrants. | 720 | 769, 770, 801 | 801 | 814, 822 | 826 |
| 101 | An act for the relief of Oliver C. Harris | 684 | 770, 771, 1199 | 1199 | 1225, 1260 | 1273 |
| 103 | An act placing the officer who performs the duty of adjutant at the Military Academy on an equality as to pay and allowances with adjutants of regiments. | 719 | 769, 770, 897, 898 | | | |
| 105 | An act to provide additional quarters, near to New Orleans, for United States soldiers and volunteers returning from or going to the seat of war in Mexico. | 290 | 297, 381, 382 | 382 | 405, 448 | 455 |
| 106 | An act to provide for the settlement of the claim of Henry Washington, late a deputy surveyor of the public lands in Florida. | 684 | 769, 770, 854 | | | |
| 107 | An act for the relief of George Center. | 1209 | 1253 | | | |
| 108 | An act to further extend the patent of Jethro Wood. | 328 | 357, 567, 568, 574 | | | |
| 109 | An act for the relief of Purser Benjamin G. Cahoone. | 826 | 828, 898, 1275 | 1275 | 1282, 1287 | |
| 110 | An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines of the brig of war Somers. | 826 | 828, 898, 1275 | 1276 | 1290, 1290, 1291 | |
| 111 | An act for the relief of Reynolds May. | 684 | 769, 770, 808, 834, 835 | 835 | 860, 864 | 874 |
| 113 | An act for the relief of Messrs. Cook, Anthony, Mahon, and others. | 826 | 828, 890, 1069, 1275 | 1276 | 1282, 1287 | |
| 114 | An act authorizing the purchase of the papers of Alexander Hamilton. | 684 | 769, 770, 988 | | | |
| 117 | An act for the relief of William H. Prentiss. | 826 | 828 | | | |
| 118 | An act to enable and authorize the accounting officers of the treasury to audit and settle the accounts of certain acting officers therein mentioned. | 328 | 377, 378, 472, 978 | | | |
| 119 | An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds on the revenues of the Post Office Department,'" passed the 3d of March, 1845. | 433 | 489, 702 | 703 | 704, 719, 789, 790, 791, 794, 805, 814, 822 | 826 |

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| 121 | An act to pay James Crutchett two thousand dollars for lighting the Capitol and Capitol grounds. | 343 | 357, 833, 834 | | | |
| 122 | An act supplementary to "An act to authorize the Secretary of State to liquidate certain claims therein mentioned," passed 18th of April, 1814. | 684 | 770, 771, 895, 1276 | 1276 | 1288, 1291 | |
| 124 | An act to extend the provisions of existing pension laws to enlisted men of the ordnance corps of the United States army. | 343 | 377, 378, 474, 998 | 998 | 1001, 1012 | 1038 |
| 126 | An act for the relief of Anna J. Hassler. | 826 | 828, 923, 1275 | 1275 | 1282, 1287 | |
| 128 | An act to carry into effect certain provisions in the treaties between the United States and China and the Ottoman Porte, giving certain judicial powers to ministers and consuls of the United States in those countries. | 1143 | 1149, 1150, 1193 | 1194 | 1211, 1261 | 1273 |
| 129 | An act for the relief of James F. Sotheron. | 913 | 937, 938, 1022 | | | |
| 130 | An act to authorize the relinquishment of the 16th section, in certain cases, and the selection of other lands in lieu thereof. | 814 | 815, 1187 | | | |
| 132 | An act to authorize the issuing of a register or enrolment to the schooner Robert Henry. | 389 | 395 | 395 | 405, 448 | 455 |
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| 135 | An act for the relief of David N. Smith | 913 | 937, 1078, 1079 1197 | 1197 | 1212, 1261 | 1273 |
| 136 | An act giving effect to certain treaty stipulations between this and foreign governments for the apprehension and delivering up of certain offenders. | 1127 | 1149, 1194 | 1194 | 1212, 1243, 1260, 1266, 1272, 1278, 1281 | |
| 137 | An act providing for the obtaining of testimony in relation to claims for losses sustained in the late Florida war. | 1137 | 1149 | | | |
| 141 | An act to authorize the sale of part of public reservation numbered 13, in the city of Washington, and for other purposes. | 915 | 937, 938, 1069 | 1069 | 1088, 1090, 1103 | 1122 |
| 142 | An act for the relief of Benjamin Adams & Co., and others. | 957 | 972, 1024, 1275 | 1275 | 1282, 1287 | |
| 144 | An act concerning the courts of the United States in and for the district of Michigan. | 434 | 489 | 489 | 523, 556 | 583 |
| 145 | An act granting a pension to John Clark. | 913 | 937, 938, 1077, 1105, 1275 | 1276 | 1282, 1287 | |
| 146 | An act to provide compensation to Wm. Woodbridge and Henry Chipman, for services in adjusting titles to land in Michigan, and for other purposes. | 913 | 937, 938, 945, 1071 | | | |
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| 151 | An act for the relief of J. W. Nye, assignee of Peter Bargy and Hugh Stewart. | 915 | 937, 638, 1022, 1023 | | | |
| 153 | An act for the payment of Charles Richmond. | 957 | 972, 1022, 1275 | 1276 | 1282, 1287 | |
| 154 | An act for the relief of William B. Stokes. | 957 | 972, 1068, 1276 | 1276 | 1290, 1290 | |
| 155 | An act granting a pension to Bethiah Healy, widow of George Healy, deceased. | 957 | 972 | | | |
| 157 | An act to confirm to the legal representatives of Joseph Dutallis the location of a certain New Madrid certificate. | 957 | 972, 1026 | 1026 | 1044, 1047 | 1066 |
| 158 | An act for ascertaining and paying the California claims. | 748 | 769, 770, 1196 | | | |
| 159 | An act to remit the duties on books, maps, and charts imported for the use of the library of Congress. | 492 | 570, 602 | 602 | 608, 616 | 639 |
| 161 | An act for the relief of Samuel Grice | 957 | 972, 1022, 1275 | 1276 | 1290, 1290, 1291 | |
| 162 | An act for the relief of George V. Mitchell. | 957 | 972, 1188, 1275 | 1276 | 1287, 1290 | |
| 163 | An act to relinquish the reversionary interest of the United States in a certain Indian reservation in the State of Alabama. | 957 | 972 | | | |
| 164 | An act to provide a free communication across the eastern branch of the Potomac, in the District of Columbia. | 748 | 769, 770, 808 | | | |
| 165 | An act for the relief of Stalker & Hill | 957 | 972, 976 | | | |
| 166 | An act concerning school lands in the State of Florida. | 804 | 804, 805 | | | |
| 167 | An act for the relief of Alfred White | 957 | 972, 1069 | 1069 | 1087, 1103 | 1122 |
| 171 | An act for the relief of Charles M. Gibson. | 975 | 1007, 1276 | 1276 | 1282, 1287 | |
| 172 | An act for the relief of D. A. Watterston | 975 | 1007, 1159, 1275 | 1276 | 1282, 1287 | |
| 173 | An act for the relief of Columbus Alexander and Theodore Barnard. | 976 | 1007 | | | |
| 175 | An act for the relief of the heirs of Moses White. | 976 | 1007, 1078 | 1078 | 1090, 1103 | 1122 |
| 176 | An act for the relief of the heirs of John Wall, deceased. | 976 | 1007 | | | |
| 177 | An act to declare the true intent and meaning, so far as respects the franking privilege of members of Congress, of the act approved the 1st of March, 1847, and entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to reduce the rates of postage, to limit the use and correct the abuse of the franking privilege, and for the prevention of frauds ont he Post Office Department,' passed the 3d of March, 1845, and for other purposes." | 678 | 767, 803 | | | |

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| 187 | An act for the relief of David Wilkinson | 976 | 1007, 1106, 1275 | 1276 | 1282, 1287 | |
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| 189 | An act for the relief of H. Fredieu, M. Vercher, C. Sanmiguel, P. N. Gagnon, V. Caubarreux, and F. Harbo, of Louisiana. | 976 | 1007 | | | |
| 190 | An act for the payment of the 4th regiment in the 2d brigade of the 3d division of the Vermont militia for services at the battle of Plattsburg. | 1001 | 1007, 1073, 1196, 1277 | 1277 | 1283, 1287 | |
| 194 | An act for the relief of John Lorimer Graham, late postmaster in the city of New York. | 719 | 767, 770, 860, 1275 | 1276 | 1290, 1290, 1291 | |
| 195 | An act for the relief of William Wynn | 976 | 1007, 1188 | | | |
| 201 | An act to provide for the repair and improvement of the dam at the head of Cumberland island, in the Ohio river. | 684 | 767, 801, 847, 882, 883, 884, 887, 888, 1008, 1048 | | | |
| 202 | An act for the relief of the bona fide settlers under the act for the armed occupation and settlement of a part of the Territory of Florida. | 789 | 805, 960 | 960 | 971, 975 | 999 |
| 203 | An act in relation to the terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States in and for the district of New Jersey. | 1205 | 1253 | 1253 | 1265, 1281 | |
| 204 | An act to authorize the issuing of a register to the brig Palmetto. | 664 | 682, 701 | 701 | 704, 704 | 719 |
| 207 | An act to authorize the sale of reserved lands, and for other purposes. | 1212 | 1253 | | | |
| 209 | An act for the relief of the Society for the reformation of juvenile delinquents in the city of New York. | 936 | 949, 1069, 1070 | 1070 | 1087, 1103 | 1122 |
| 210 | An act to confirm the location and to grant a quarter section of public land for the county site of Hillsborough county, State of Florida. | 719 | 769, 770 | 1068 | 1079, 1103 | 1122 |
| 213 | An act for the relief of Christopher Cunningham. | 678 | 682, 744, 774 | 774 | 777, 782 | 789 |
| 215 | An act for the relief of Jose Argote Villalobos, Maria Rosè, François Felix, Marquis de Fougeres, or their legal representatives. | 678 | 682, 725, 943, 1023 | 1023 | 1046, 1049, 1057 | 1086 |
| 216 | An act respecting certain surveys in the State of Florida. | 720 | 769, 770, 946 | 946 | 958, 963, 968 | 976 |
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| 218 | An act for the relief of the Central Railroad and Banking Company of Georgia. | 892 | 937, 1070 | 1070 | 1087, 1103 | 1122 |
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| 228 | An act extending privileges to American vessels engaged in a certain mentioned trade, and for other purposes. | 720 | 769, 770, 801 | 801 | 813, 825, 836 | 850 |
| 230 | An act to promote the despatch of business in the Supreme Court, and to repeal the 2d section of the act approved June 17, 1844, entitled "An act concerning the Supreme Court of the United States." | 957 | 972, 1190, 1191, 1192, 1193 | | | |
| 232 | An act for the relief of Gamaliel Taylor, late marshal of the State of Indiana, and his securities. | 976 | 1007 | | | |
| 239 | An act to authorize notaries public to take and certify oaths, affirmations, and acknowledgments, in certain cases. | 814 | 815, 895 | | | |
| 242 | An act respecting the public archives in Florida. | 780 | 806, 895 | | | |
| 246 | An act renewing certain naval pensions for the term of five years, and extending the benefits of existing laws respecting naval pensions to engineers, firemen, and coal heavers in the navy, and to their widows. | 813 | 815, 816, 899, 900, 973, 1051 | 1051 | 1109, 1123, 1129, 1221, 1222, 1223, 1225, 1260 | 1273 |
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| 251 | An act for the relief of the personal representative of William A. Slacum, deceased. | 936 | 949, 1198 | | | |
| 256 | An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas J. V. Owen, deceased. | 1143 | 1149, 1195, 1275 | 1276 | 1283, 1288 | |
| 269 | An act to revive the act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses and other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved January 18, 1837, and the acts approved October 14, 1837, and August 23, 1842, and the last proviso to the act of March 3, 1843, amendatory of the same. | 899 | 937, 1196 | | | |
| 270 | An act concerning Spanish steam vessels. | 826 | 828, 839 | 839 | 860, 864 | 874 |
| 271 | An act authorizing the issuing of registers to the Spanish steam vessels Trigente and Cetro for a limited time. | 826 | 828, 839 | 839 | 846 | |
| 276 | An act for the relief of Charity Herrington. | 1143 | 1149 | 1149 | 1149, 1261, 1273, 1278, 1281 | |
| 281 | An act to revive an act authorizing certain soldiers in the late war with Great Britain to surrender the bounty lands drawn by them, and to locate others in lieu thereof. | 967 | 971, 972, 1026 | 1026 | 1086, 1088, 1103 | 1122 |

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| 294 | An act making appropriations for light-houses, light boats, buoys, &c., and providing for the erection and establishment of the same. | 1038 | 1090, 1160, 1211 | 1213 | 1221, 1237, 1249, 1281 | 1293 |
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| 300 | An act to make Bangor a port of entry for ships or vessels coming from and beyond the Cape of Good Hope. | 1038 | 1089 | 1089 | 1096, 1103 | 1122 |
| 305 | An act to extend an act entitled "An act providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the several States and Territories," approved August 3, 1846. | 1001 | 1007 | 1008 | 1019, 1047 | 1066 |
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| 314 | An act to facilitate international exchanges. | 1012 | 1088, 1188 | | | |
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